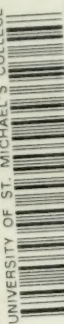


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PREFACE

SOME eighteen months before his death in February 1914, Dr. Driver began the actual writing of the volume on "Job" for the "International Critical Commentary." In the middle of January 1914, when the very serious nature of his illness had become evident, he wrote a short memorandum on the state of his MS, and suggestions for the completion of his work. In this he expressed a strong desire that I should complete what he was compelled to leave incomplete. The task, I knew at once, would be arduous and absorb much time; but not to undertake it, or to do less than my best to discharge it, would have been an ill return for all that I had long owed to the friendship and scholarship of Dr. Driver. The time involved has even exceeded my expectations, partly because what remained to be done proved so much more than appeared at first. Finding that the mass of material would be very great, and wishing that the publication of the commentary should not be unduly delayed, Dr. Driver had earlier invited Dr. A. H. McNeile to undertake the exegetical notes and the Introduction, and, under conditions with regard to the claims of other work, Dr. McNeile had consented. It was naturally my own very strong desire that this arrangement should stand, and at first Dr. McNeile agreed that it should, and indeed, in looking through the MS with a view to his own part of the work, added on the first chapters some brief notes which, duly initialed, have been retained. But later the claims of his other work became so pressing that he wished to withdraw from co-operating in this com-

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mentary, and, though it was with the greatest regret, I could but acquiesce in his wish. Thus by far the greater part of the work, and the final responsibility for the whole of it, has fallen on me. Of the actual division of the work I will speak further.

In the memorandum to which I have alluded, Dr. Driver wrote: "I began this in Aug. 1912; and have completed the first draft of virtually all the philological notes, and revised them as far as about c. 14: I have also completed virtually the translation and (fairly completely) the exegetical notes on c. 3-9 and 40-41." When the material was handed to me, I found that it contained less of the translation than this might seem to imply: the translation consisted of a text of the RV. with the very extensive alterations placed on the margin; occasionally a choice between one or two renderings was left open for final judgement. These corrections of the RV. began with c. 3 and extended (with the exception of 19²⁵⁻²⁷) to c. 28, and again from 40¹⁵-41³⁴. Of these parts, then, the translation in this volume is Dr. Driver's, except that (1) here and there I have modified certain renderings of the RV. left uncorrected, out of regard to other passages or express statements in the notes; (2) that I have exercised the final judgement as between alternative renderings; and (3) that I have throughout determined how the divisions into lines, distichs, and tristichs should be represented. The exegetical notes, which extended only, and that with very varying degrees of completeness, from 3²-9¹⁰ and 40¹⁵-41³⁰, were not in form for publication: in another part of the memorandum the instruction runs: "Such exegetical notes as I have written, he [the editor] can utilize, supplement, or amend, as he likes. I should naturally like the explanations, etc., of my *Job in the RV.* to be, as far as possible, adopted, but I do not make this a *sine qua non*." I have accordingly incorporated much of this material in the commentary on these parts of the text; to have distinguished it constantly from the additions and modifications required would have unduly

complicated the notes, but here and there, especially when my own judgement slightly differed (*e.g.* on 3³), I have made use of inverted commas to indicate direct quotation. Broadly, however, it may be said of pp. 31–87 and 354–371 that the notes on individual verses, as distinct from the introductory and certain longer notes (*e.g.* on pp. 40 f., 77 f.), are very largely in substance and largely also in expression, Dr. Driver's. For the rest the commentary is mine, though in order to perpetuate Dr. Driver's point of view, I have frequently cited not only his *Book of Job in the Revised Version*, but also his *Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament*, and occasionally I have transferred to the commentary, as being more appropriate there, a passage from the philological notes, distinguishing this matter by adding "Dr."

With the philological notes I have adopted a different course. It was to these the greatest attention and the fullest revision had been given. It seemed desirable then (1) that they should to the fullest possible extent be reproduced and their authorship made clear; yet (2) that these notes should be as complete and homogeneous as possible. I have, therefore, while adding freely, perhaps to the extent of about a third of the whole, distinguished all my own additions in substance, except in cc. 1. 2. 32¹⁻⁶ and 42⁷⁻¹⁷, which are entirely mine, by placing them in square brackets; but I have not thought it necessary unduly to multiply these signs by using them for the filling in of obvious references left blank in the MS, nor to distinguish slight formal changes made in preparing the MS for press, or in proof. As mentioned in the passage already cited from the memorandum, cc. 1–14 had been more fully revised than the rest; some notes, or parts of notes, were still unwritten even in these earlier chapters, but the blank spaces in the MS were far more frequent in the later chapters, and unfortunately occurred where many of the most important or difficult passages, such as 19^{25f.}, were concerned.

Final responsibility for the whole must, as I have said,

under the circumstances rest upon me ; but with this proviso the distribution of the work may be thus tabulated :

	TRANSLATION.	COMMENTARY.	PHILOLOGICAL NOTES.
Driver . . .	3-28	3-9 ¹⁰ 40 ¹⁵ -41 ³⁰ (in large part).	3-31, 32 ⁷ -42 ⁶ (except matter enclosed in square brackets).
Gray . . .	1. 2. 29 42 ; also 19 ²⁵⁻²⁷ .	1. 2. 9 ¹¹ -40 ¹⁴ . 42 entire, and the rest in part.	1. 2. 32 ¹⁻⁶ 42 ⁷⁻¹⁷ and, in the remainder, matter enclosed in square brackets.

For the Introduction I am entirely responsible.

The aim of the philological notes is indicated in these sentences of the memorandum: "On philological points I found there was a good deal to say, and I wished the philological basis of the commentary to be strong, and thought that many things deserved a fuller discussion than they generally received in the volumes of the *ICC*. Notes and explanations of the principal emendations of Du. and Be. ought also, I thought, to be given for the use of students (though I do not believe myself that 1 in 10 is necessary or probable),—sometimes also the conjectures of Bi. and others (though I content myself mostly with merely mentioning these from time to time, and do not polemize against them). . . . I have not thought it necessary to quote exhaustively authorities for renderings and readings: the principal recent ones seemed to me sufficient. Improbable conjectures I have also omitted (except sometimes those of Du. and Be^K). An emendation quoted at the end of a note is not intended to imply my acceptance of it." "In textual matters I generally find myself in agreement with Bu. ; but I cannot adopt his view of the Elihu speeches. I intended to acknowledge generously in the Preface the great value and help which Be^T had been to me. But I cannot accept many of his

emendations; he seems to me often hypercritical and prosaic."

On account of the extent of and the importance attached to the philological notes, Dr. Driver had planned that they should be printed in the larger type, and issued in a separate volume. To this the publishers readily agreed, and on this understanding this part of the work was first printed. But the new conditions created by the war rendered the plan of two volumes undesirable; consequently these notes now appear with a pagination of their own at the end of the one volume.

I need not repeat here much that I wrote in the Preface to *Isaiah*; it applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to the present commentary; but in the matter of transliterations I may observe that owing to the circumstances under which the present volume has been prepared there remain, much to my regret, certain inconsistencies—the *p*, for example, being sometimes transliterated *k*, sometimes *q*; and similarly different abbreviations of some names and titles will be found to have been used; but I trust that neither the one inconsistency nor the other will occasion any practical inconvenience.

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ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.



TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY.

P. 87. For “the chambers of the south” in 9⁹, F. Perles (in *Orient. Studien Fritz Hommel* . . . *gewidmet* (1918), ii. 132) suggests “the (stars) surrounding the south,” after the rendering of $\acute{o}$ $\acute{E}\beta\rho$. in the Hexapla— $\kappa\alpha\lambda\acute{\iota}$ $\pi\acute{\alpha}\nu\tau\alpha$ $\tau\acute{\alpha}$ $\acute{\alpha}\sigma\tau\rho\alpha$ $\tau\acute{\alpha}$ $\kappa\upsilon\kappa\lambda\omicron\upsilon\eta\upsilon\tau\alpha$ $\nu\acute{o}\tau\omicron\nu$ = הַדָּרִי תָמִן .

PHILOLOGICAL NOTES.

P. 18, l. 13. After “(ZAW, 1897, p. 183 ff.)” add: and still more recently by J. Hehn in *Orient. Studien Fritz Hommel* . . . *gewid.* ii. 79-90.

P. 160, l. 28. Perles (*Orient. Stud.* ii. 133) derives תְּכֹנָה from תֵּכֵן, and proposes the meaning “unergründliches Wesen” —a synonym of קֶרֶךְ in 11⁷.

P. 273, ll. 14, 15. For “⁶⁻¹¹ in editions of Ξ . . . continuous lines in Ξ ” read: “in editions of Ξ , ⁶⁻¹¹ except, ^{10a}, are Θ , and ^{11a} Ξ ($\acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\acute{\alpha}$ $\tau\omicron\upsilon\delta\iota\kappa\alpha\acute{\iota}\omicron\nu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\sigma\alpha\kappa\omicron\upsilon\sigma\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota$) is not obviously a rendering of ^{10a} $\text{וַיֵּל אֲזֹנִם לְמוֹסֵר}$ ($\text{וַיֵּל אֲזֹנִם לְמוֹסֵר}$). Thus, in an earlier text of Ξ , the following appear to have been consecutive lines: ⁵ Ξ = ⁵ וַיֵּל , ^{10a} Ξ = ? וַיֵּל , ^{12a} Ξ = ^{6a} וַיֵּל .”

PRINCIPAL ABBREVIATIONS EMPLOYED

1. TEXTS AND VERSIONS.

'A, Aq.	. . .	Aquila.
AVm.	. . .	Authorised Version (margin).
EV(V).	. . .	English Version(s).
MS(S) Ken., de Rossi		Hebrew Manuscripts as cited in Kennicott or De Rossi.
Oc., Or(ient).	. . .	Occidental (Palestinian) and Oriental (Babylonian), see G-K. 7 ^h n.; and for the readings of the two schools in Job, S. Baer, <i>Liber Jobi</i> (1875), pp. 56-58.
OT.	. . .	Old Testament.
PBV.	. . .	Prayer Book Version.
RVm.	. . .	Revised Version (margin).
Σ, Symm.	. . .	Symmachus.
Θ, Theod.	. . .	Theodotion.
℣ . . .		The ancient Greek (LXX) Version of the OT. (ed. Swete, Cambridge, 1887-1894). The readings of the codices are, when necessary, distinguished thus :—℣ ^A ℣ ^B (Alexandrian, Vatican, etc.). For the cursives, reference has been made to <i>Vet. Test. Græce, cum variis lectionibus</i> , ed. R. Holmes et J. Parsons (Oxon. 1823), which is cited as HP followed by a numeral denoting the cursive. Editions of Job contain much that is really Θ (see <i>Intro.</i> §§ 48-51): such matter is commonly cited as ℣ (Θ).
ℌ . . .		The Hebrew (unvocalized) text, <i>i.e.</i> the consonants of the ordinary Hebrew MSS and printed Bibles.
ℌ ¹ . . .		The consonants of the traditional Hebrew text (ℌ) irrespective of the present word divisions and after the removal of the vowel consonants (cp. <i>Isaiah</i> , p. xxv).
Ⲛ . . .		The Coptic (Sahidic) Version of ℣ (§ 48).
ℒ . . .		Old Latin Version of ℣.

ℳ . . .	The Massoretic Text (<i>i.e.</i> the vocalized text of the Hebrew Bible). Variants in the Hebrew codices have been cited from De Rossi, <i>Variæ Lectiones Vet. Test.</i> ; Kennicott, <i>Vet. Test. Heb. cum variis lectionibus</i> ; or R. Kittel, <i>Biblia Hebraica</i> .
Ⓢ . . .	Targum Onkelos.
Ⓢ . . .	The Syriac Version (Peshitta).
Ⓢ ^H . . .	The Syro-Hexaplar Version of Ⓢ.
Ⓢ . . .	Targum: Ⓢ ¹ Ⓢ ² , etc., first, second renderings in Ⓢ.
ℳ . . .	Vulgate.

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AJSL . . .	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature</i> .
Baer . . .	S. Baer, <i>Liber Jobi</i> , 1875.
BDB . . .	See <i>Lex</i> .
Be[er, G.] Be ^r . Be ^{Kit} .	(1) <i>Der Text des Buches Hiob</i> (1897)—Be ^r . (2) Notes in R. Kittel, <i>Bibl. Hebr.</i> —Be ^{Kit} .
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 I[bn] E[zra], Abra- Hebrew Comm. on Job in Buxtorf's *Biblia Rabbinica*.
 ham († 1167)
 ICC *International Critical Commentary*.
 Isaiah See Gray, 2.
 JBLit. . . . *Journal of Biblical Literature*.
 Jer[ome] († 420) .
 JDT *Jahrbücher f. deutsche Theologie*.
 JPh *Journal of Philology*.
 JQR *Jewish Quarterly Review*.
 JThS *Journal of Theological Studies*.
 KAT³ *Die Keilinschriften u. d. AT*, von Eberhard Schrader,
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Wetz[stein] . . .	Notes in Del.
Wright, G. H. E.]	<i>The Book of Job</i> , 1883.
WZKM . . .	<i>Wiener Zeitschrift f. d. Kunde des Morgenlandes</i> .
ZA . . .	<i>Zeitschrift f. d. Assyriologie</i> .
ZA(T)W . . .	<i>Zeitschrift f. d. Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i> .
ZDMG . . .	<i>Zeitschr. d. deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i> .
ZDPV . . .	<i>Zeitschrift d. deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i> .

Biblical passages are cited according to the Hebrew enumeration of chapters and verses : where this differs from the English enumeration, the reference to the latter has commonly (except in the philological notes) been added in a parenthesis. In the translation of c. 41, however, it seemed more convenient to place the English enumeration first.

The sign †, following a series of references, indicates that all examples of the phrase, word, form or meaning in question, occurring in the OT, have been cited.

The signs ʾ enclosing words in the translation (e.g. 3¹⁴) indicate departures from 𐤁 (occasionally also departures even from 𐤁𐤀 have been so indicated). Small print in the translation indicates probable additions, and unleaded type the longer interpolations of cc. 28. 32-37.

al. = alii (others).

Cp. = Compare.

Ct. = Contrast.

INTRODUCTION



I. TITLE AND PLACE IN THE CANON.

§ 1. The Book of Job is one of the eleven books which constitute the third of the three parts of which the Hebrew Scriptures, תורה נביאים וכתובים, consist. In printed Hebrew Bibles it takes the third place among those eleven books, following Ps. and Pr. This order goes back to Hebrew MSS, especially those of German provenance; but other arrangements occur in other MSS or Jewish lists, Job preceding Pr. in the Talmudic list (*Baba Bathra*, 14b) and in many MSS, especially the Spanish, and preceding both Ps. and Pr. in Jer.'s list of the third part of the Hebrew Scriptures.¹ But of Jewish arrangements it may be said (1) that Job is generally grouped together with the *poetical* books Ps. and Pr.; and (2) that this group generally stands at the beginning of the Hagiographa (and consequently immediately after the prophets), or preceded by one book only (Ruth or Ch.).²

In G and in Greek and Latin lists, owing to the abandonment of the Jewish tripartite division, the different positions

¹ *Prolog. Gal. (Præf. in Libr. Samuel et Malachim)*: "Tertius ordo 'Αγιόγραφα possidet; et primus liber incipit ab *Job*. Secundus a *David*. . . . Tertius est *Salamon*." The premier position thus given to Job was probably due to a chronological consideration, such as is cited and rejected in *Baba Bathra*, 14b: "The order of the Kethubim is Ruth, the Book of Psalms, Job and Proverbs, etc. . . . Now, if it be said, Job lived in the days of Moses, Job therefore should be placed at the head: verily we do not begin with calamity."

² Some exceptions to both these general rules are recorded in H. E. Ryle, *The Canon of the Old Testament*, 281 f. More generally on the place of Job in lists, Jewish and others, see Ryle, *op. cit.* ch. xii., and Swete, *Introd. to the OT in Greek*, part ii. ch. i.

assigned to Job become far more numerous. "Much difficulty seems to have been felt as to the place of Job: the book normally appears in connexion with the poetical books, either last or first, but it is sometimes placed among the histories (Augustine, Innocent, Cod. Clarom., Ps.-Gelasius, Cassiodorus), or after the Prophets." In EVV., under the influence of what had come to be the standard arrangement of **V**,² the book stands in an ambiguous position—last of the historical or first of the poetical books. In deference to theories connecting Job with Moses or his age, the book was placed in **§** between Deut. and Jos.³ In Epiphanius (*de mens et pond.* 23) it stands between Jos. and Judges.

§ 2. Like Joshua or Ruth, the book bears as its title simply the name of its hero—יִיבֹב, 'Iyōb. The dissyllabic Hebrew name 'Iyyōb became in **V** Job, and hence in EVV. monosyllabic.

II. SUBJECT AND MAIN DIVISIONS.

§ 3. The Book of Job contains (1) the story of the sudden change in the fortunes of a sheikh of ancient times, and (2) the speeches in a discussion arising out of this. Job, so the story runs, was a man conspicuous for his wealth and good fortune which he had long enjoyed, but not less so for his character, which was beyond reproach from either God or man. On a single day he was stripped of all his possessions and of all his children, and shortly afterwards smitten with a fell disease. The occasion of this tragic change remains unknown to Job, but the reader is at once acquainted with it. One day when Yahweh in heaven was surrounded by the sons of the gods, He commends Job to the attention of one of them, the Satan, as the

¹ Swete, *op. cit.* 228.

² MSS of **V** show many different positions of Job (S. Berger, *Histoire de la Vulgate*, 331-339): the still prevailing arrangement according to which Job follows the historical books and immediately precedes Ps. became fixed in the 13th cent. (Berger, p. 304).

³ Job is also mentioned in this order in Jer. *Ep.* liii. ("Ad Paulinum": Migne, *PL* xxii. 545). "Saint Jérôme, qui écrivait en Syrie, s'est-il inspiré de l'usage des populations qui l'entouraient?" (Berger, *op. cit.* p. 305).

best man on earth. The Satan at once disputes the depth of Job's piety: it is, he suggests, but skin-deep: if Job be deprived of his wealth, he will abandon his fear of God and blaspheme. Yahweh permits the Satan to put the matter to the test. The Satan strips Job of his wealth; but Job stands the test. The Satan then with equal unsuccess tests Job by depriving him also of his health. Job's wife, indeed, now breaks down, and bids her husband curse God and die; but Job himself still with undiminished piety accepts everything in a spirit of resignation. After an interval of, it is implied (see n. on 1¹¹⁻¹³), at least some weeks, three friends of Job come to comfort him, and for seven days sit silently with him. Job then breaks the silence in a monologue raising the question why he and other sufferers are born or compelled to live. There follow two cycles each of six speeches, one by each of the three friends and an answer to each by Job, and a third cycle which, whether so originally or not, is now incomplete, two only of the friends taking part in it. In these speeches the friends assert and Job denies that his calamities are due to his sin. After Job's speech at the conclusion of the third cycle, a new speaker, Elihu, intervenes at great length. Then Yahweh replies to Job, eliciting brief responses from him. After the speeches the story is resumed: taking no account of Elihu, Yahweh condemns what the three friends had said, approves what Job had said, and restores to him twice his former wealth. Thus five main divisions of the existing book are clearly marked:

1. Introduction or Prologue, 1-2.
2. Speeches of Job and the three Friends, 3-31.
3. Speeches of Elihu, 32-37.
4. Speeches of Yahweh with Job's responses, 38¹-42⁶.
5. Conclusion or Epilogue, 42⁷⁻¹⁷.

For fuller analysis of the book see § 3I; and cp. §§ 32-4I.

III. LITERARY FORM.

§ 4. On the ground of the subject discussed in the speeches (§§ 3, 32-41), Job has commonly and appropriately been classed with Pr., Qoh., Sir., and Wisdom as belonging to the

"Wisdom" or reflective literature¹ of the Jews in which human life is considered broadly without the overruling national interest that characterizes most other Hebrew literature. But in two matters of form Job differs from these other specimens of Jewish wisdom:—(1) in its combination of prose and poetry,² the Prologue and Epilogue being prose,³ the speeches poetry: and (2) in its use of dialogue.⁴ Something distantly similar to both these characteristics of the book may be found in other Hebrew literature; but the resemblances are partial, and the book of Job remains unique not only in the "Wisdom," but in the entire literature of the Jews.⁵

¹ See, e.g., C. H. Toy, "Wisdom Literature," in *EBi.*: Dr. *LOT* 392-394; W. T. Davison, *The Wisdom Literature of the O.T.*: C. Siegfried, "Wisdom," in *DB*.

² Pr. and Sir. are poetry throughout; Wisdom—written in Greek—is written throughout in a style strongly affected by Hebrew parallelism, possibly also by Hebrew rhythm; whether on this account it should be termed poetry or prose may here be left an open question (cp. *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 32 f., 136). Qoh. "is written, as a whole, in prose; but when the thought becomes elevated, or sententious, it falls into the poetical form of rhythmic parallelism" (Dr. *LOT*⁹ 465): yet even though this be so, the distribution of prose and poetry in Job and Qoh. is entirely different: in Job the prose parts are prose not passing into poetry, and the poetry is sustained poetry not dropping into prose.

³ Prose also are the formulæ introducing the several speeches (31.² 41.⁶¹ etc.) and the longer introduction to Elihu's speeches (321.^{6a}). The distinction between poetry and prose, already mentioned by Jer. (*Praef. in Lib. Job*: *PL* xxvii. 1081), is imperfectly marked in *℣* by the use of two different systems of accentuation—the ordinary system in 11-31 and 427-17, the system employed in Pr. and Ps. in 32-42⁶, including the *prose* of 321.^{6a} and the introductory formulæ.

⁴ Perhaps we might add as a third difference its sustained treatment of a single theme. Sir., the work of a single writer, is indeed longer than Job, but it ranges discursively over a variety of aspects of human life and conduct; so does Pr., the work of many writers. Qoh. and Wisdom are considerably shorter than Job. Outside the "Wisdom" literature the historical compilations are, of course, much longer than Job, but the nearest approach to the sustained treatment of a theme is to be found in Is. 40-55 and Ezk. 40-48, both of which are shorter. In any case, Job has this interest that no other single Hebrew poet has left us the same amount of poetry: this remains true even though a considerable part of Job (28. 32-37. 38-41) be assigned to different poets.

⁵ Nor is it unique merely as an exotic, which has its own well-defined class elsewhere. It is, for example, no more similar to a Greek or any other epic or drama than to other works of Hebrew literature. A drama

§ 5. Many books of the OT. contain, it is true, both prose and poetry; but those books are either, like the prophetic books, which contain both prose memoirs and prophetic poems (cp. the Introd. to *Isaiah*), not single works, or, as in the prose historical books which *cite* poems, they combine the styles differently. On the other hand, Job, if the substantial integrity of the book can be maintained, is a single work written partly in prose, partly in poetry, the narrative in prose, the speeches in poetry. For analogies to this we must go beyond Hebrew literature: *e.g.* to the *Maḳāmât* of Hariri in which the narrative is in rhymed prose, but the (longer) speeches of the characters are (commonly) metrical poems.

§ 6. Again some analogy to the dialogue, to the response of two or more speakers to one another, is to be found, for example, in Canticles (*e.g.* 1^{7f.} 16^{f.} 2¹⁻³); but for dialogue as a means of discussing problems of life, we must again pass for analogy beyond Jewish literature. Such dialogue¹ until recently was quite unknown in Babylonian literature; but certain texts—one of the age of Sargon (722-705 B.C.)—have now been published containing what their editor describes as specimens of philosophical dialogue.² These, however, offer a very distant

in any strict sense it is certainly not; in the Prologue there is movement indeed, but the Prologue is narrative,—an anticipation of the novel rather than of the drama,—and in the dialogue there is no dramatic movement. There are in the book, it is true, all the elements that might have been combined by a Greek into a great drama: the Hebrew writer has used them differently, and his work was certainly never acted in ancient Judah. Job has, I am informed, been recently staged in New York, and, according to my informant, the performance was very impressive; but this no more proves that the Hebrew work was a drama than H. G. Wells' *Undying Fire* proves that it was a novel. Reference may also be made to the judicious criticism by C. G. Montefiore in the *Harvard Theological Review*, 1919, 219-224, of *The Book of Job as a Greek Tragedy*, in which the author (H. M. Kallen) seeks to prove that the existing book of Job is the result of editorial manipulations of what was originally a Hebrew imitation of a Euripidean tragedy.

¹ Dialogue of a *different* type was known; and Kön. (*Eiul.* 410f.) had even compared that in the "Descent of Ishtar" (Rogers, *CP* 121 ff.) with that in Job, on the ground that both were cases of dialogue introduced into epic.

² E. Ebeling, *Keilinschrifttexte aus Assur rel. Inh.* iii. 193; *Mitteilungen der vorderasiatischen Gesellschaft*, 1918², pp. 50-70 (German translation with

parallel to the dialogue as handled in Job; they are simple, brief, and exceedingly schematic. In a dozen sections all cast in the same scheme and some eight lines in length, the advantages and disadvantages of various courses of action are discussed by a master and his slave. Between the Babylonian "philosophical dialogue," so far as yet known, and the dialogue in Job the difference is so great as to render any direct influence of one over the other altogether improbable. And the same is true, though in this case the difference is of quite another kind, of the Greek dialogue. It is curious that the most famous examples of this were written at probably no great distance of time from Job, and it is barely possible, though not probable (§§ 42-47), that the author of Job wrote later than Plato; yet between the dialogue of Job, consisting exclusively of long set speeches in poetical form, and the prose dialogues of Plato, with their closely knit analytical argument carried on by means of much quickly responsive conversation, the difference is so great that the probability that the Hebrew writer was influenced by those Greek literary models is so slight as to be negligible. So long as Job was commonly regarded as long anterior to Plato, it was not customary to look upon Plato as an imitator of Job; there is just as little reason now that Job is referred to a later age than formerly to assert that it is "unquestionably a Hebrew imitation of the philosophical dialogue of Plato."¹ Whence the author derived any suggestion for the use of dialogue in discussing the problems of life thus remains quite obscure.

notes). Cp. *ET*, 1920, pp. 420-423, where will be found an English translation of six of the sections, of which one may here serve as an illustration:

"Slave, attend to me! 'Yes, my lord, yes.'

'I will love a woman.' 'Yes, love, my lord, love!

A man who loves a woman forgets trouble and care.'

'No, slave, I will not love a woman.' 'Love not, my lord, love not.

Woman is a pit, a hole that is dug;

Woman is an iron dagger, sharp, which cuts a man's throat.'"

¹ Oscar Holtzmann in Stade's *Gesch. des Volkes Israel*, ii. 331.

IV. ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE BOOK: POSSIBLE SOURCES AND ADDITIONS.

§ 7. The unique character of the combination of prose and poetry in the book (§ 5) has sometimes been treated as the result of the origin of the book, of the existing material which the author utilized. What was this? That the book is a report of facts of history, the exact record in prose of the actual fortunes of a particular individual and of the words spoken in verse by him and others, is a view that was long maintained or accepted,¹ though not even in earlier times without occasional suggestions that the book is fiction.² It is unnecessary to repeat here the arguments against a view which has become entirely antiquated. But if the book is not history, and the speeches not the *ipsissima verba* of speeches reported *verbatim*, it need not be pure invention; the story with which it opens and closes may be, and in part almost certainly is, based on or derived from popular tradition or literature; and, indeed, this is quite certain, if the book is rightly inferred to have been written after the Exile (see § 42 ff.), for Ezk. 14^{14, 20} refers to

¹ A defence of the strictly historical character of the book may be found in the learned work of S. Lee, *The Book of the Patriarch Job* (1837), p. 6 ff.: this was directed especially against Warburton, *Divine Legation*, Book vi. sect. 2, in which reasons for regarding the book as—in the main at least—not historical are already set forth.

² היה בייסורים שנכתבו עליו ולא נהיה . . . מאי לא היה ולא נברא אלא משל היה is a judgement attributed to an unnamed contemporary of Samuel b. Nachmani (*Baba Bathra*, 15a : Eng. tr., Ryle, *Canon*, 276 f.). Similarly in *Bereshith Rabba*, § 57, a judgement is attributed to Resh Lakish (3rd cent. A.D.)—though it is noted that this conflicts with another judgement assigned to the same Rabbi—to the effect that the sufferings of Job are not historical though, had they actually befallen him, he would have endured them. ריש לקיש אמר איוב לא היה ולא נהיה . . . מאי לא היה ולא נהיה בייסורים שנכתבו עליו ולא נהיה בייסורים שנכתבו עליו אלא שאילו באו עליו היה יכול לעמוד בהן. See, further, Isaac Wiernikowski, *Das Buch Hiob nach der Auffassung des Talmud u. Midrasch* (Breslau, 1902), p. 28. Maimonides (*Moreh Nebuchim*, iii. 22) says of the book: “its basis is a fiction, conceived for the purpose of explaining the different opinions which people held on Divine Providence. You know that some of our sages clearly stated Job never existed, and was never created, and that he is a poetic fiction. Those who assume that he existed, and that the book is historical, are unable to determine when and where Job lived. . . . This difference of opinion supports the assumption that he never existed in reality.”

Job¹ along with Noah and Daniel, as a conspicuously righteous man. Among those—and they are all but all who have discussed the subject—who admit that the author has utilized tradition or popular story,² there is, however, wide difference of judgement as to how much he has derived from thence, some holding that he owes nothing more to tradition (and that in the form of popular *oral* tradition) than that there was once a righteous man named Job,³ others that the entire prologue and epilogue were excerpted by him from a *book* containing the popular story (a “Volksbuch”).⁴ Between these two extremes it is possible to hold as a middle view that the fundamental elements of the story—the righteousness of Job, his endurance under trial, etc.—the scene in which it is laid and the names of the persons are some or all of them derived from tradition; if this were so, it might offer some suggestions as to whence the story came.

§ 8. The scene of the book is outside the land of Israel. This might be explained as due to the deliberate choice of a “Wisdom” writer, seeking in this way to enforce the wide human and not merely national nature of his subject. If this were the correct explanation, the particular scene chosen by

¹ It is quite unnecessary with Halévy (*REJ* xiv. 20) to substitute מַשֵּׁנָה for מַשֵּׁנָה in Ezk. 14¹⁴, 20.

² On the divergence of the book of Job from the popular legend, whether written or oral, and for the history of the legend independently of our book of Job, see D. B. Macdonald, “Some External Evidence on the Original Form of the Legend of Job” (*AJSL* xiv. (1898) 137–164) and earlier, *JBLit.* xiv. 63–71. Macdonald suggests that not only Ezk. but also James (5¹¹) refers to the legend, not to our book of Job.

³ So Karl Kautzsch, *Das sogenannte Volksbuch von Hiob* (1900), 18 ff., 87. Rather more traditional basis is postulated by Che.: “Most probably all that he adopted from legend was (1) the name of the hero and the land in which he lived; (2) the fact of Job’s close intercourse with God; and (3) the surprising circumstance that this most righteous and divinely favoured of men was attacked by some dread disease such as leprosy, but was subsequently healed” (*EBi.* ii. 2469).

⁴ Du. (p. vii): of the “Volksbuch the opening has been preserved in cc. 1. 2 of the existing book of Job, the conclusion in 42⁷⁻¹⁷ and also perhaps a fragment in 38¹; discussions between Job and the three friends, and a speech of Yahweh to Job, also formed part of this popular book, but these have given place to discussions of an entirely opposite character in the existing book.”

the writer would be of little significance, and the reason for the author's choice withdrawn from us. On the other hand, if the scene was traditional, it may point to the region whence the story passed to Israel, just as the scene of the story and its place of origin are associated in such a story as that of the Tower of Babel (Babylon). Broadly the scene is clearly fixed as east of Canaan; but whether it lay in or about Edom or farther north, and in particular in the Hauran, is less certain, the evidence afforded by (1) names and terms (§§ 9-13), (2) tradition (§ 14), and (3) the nature of the country implied in the story (§ 15) being inconclusive and conflicting.

§ 9. (1) *Names and terms*.—Job himself lived in the land of 'Ûš, and was, it is implied, one of the "sons of the East" (1⁵): unfortunately the position of the land of 'Ûš cannot be closely determined, and the "sons of the East" is a term of wide application.

The "sons of the East" (בני קדם; cp. הקרמי, Gn. 15¹⁹) in Jg. 6³. 33 7¹² 8¹⁰ are coupled with Midianites and Amalekites as nomad raiders of Western Palestine, in Is. 11¹⁴ they are opposed to the Philistines on the W., and mentioned with, but probably as distinguished from, Edom, Moab and Ammon, and in Ezk. 25⁴. 10 they are nomads (cp. Jer. 49²⁸ nomads: || Kedar) distinguished from, as dwelling E. of, Ammon and Moab. In 1 K. 5¹⁰ (4³⁰) they are merely mentioned as famed for their wisdom; on Gn. 29¹ †, see below. The "land of the East" (ארץ קדם) lay east of Abraham's settlement in southern Canaan (Gn. 25⁶). From Gn. 29¹ it has been inferred that the "sons of the East" and their land extended also to the far north-east of Palestine, to beyond the Euphrates; but this is a precarious inference from a composite narrative; the source may rather have intended, as in Gn. 25⁶, country E. or south-east of Palestine (see Skinner on Gn. 29¹; Meyer, *INS* 242 ff.); a southern, but not necessarily any far northern, district is implied in an Egyptian reference (about 2000 B.C.) to Kēdem: in this Sinuhe relates that he passed out of Egypt into the desert, moved thence from place to place and arrived at Kēdem, whence he was invited into Palestine: see W. Max Müller, *Asien u. Europa*, 46; Meyer, *l.c.*; Breasted, *Ancient Records*, i. 493.

§ 10. The name 'Ûš (עץ) appears to be brought into connection with three distinct districts. (a) Northern Mesopotamia: to this district Gn. 10²³ (P)=1 Ch. 1¹⁷ 'Uš the "son" of Aram is commonly referred: see Skinner, *Genesis*, p. 206. But apparently the same 'Uš is (Gn. 22²¹) brother of Buz., who in Jer. 25²³ is associated with the distinctly Arabian Dedan and Tēma. (b) Damascus and the country S. of it: Jos. (*Ant.* i. vi. 4; cp. Jer. *Quæst. in Gen.* 10²³) states that ʾOšm̄ the son of Aram (*i.e.* the 'Uš of Gn. 10²³) founded Damascus and Trachonitis, *i.e.* the volcanic country beginning

25 m. S. of Damascus and 40 m. E. of the sea of Galilee (see *EBi.* TRACHONITIS). (c) Edom, or the neighbourhood of Edom: in Gn. 36²⁸ = 1 Ch. 1⁴² Uş is a figure in the genealogy of "Seir in the land of Edom" (*ib.* 201^r). In La. 4²¹ "the land of Uş" (ארץ עוֹשׁ precisely as in Job 1¹) stands in parallelism with Edom; unfortunately some doubt rests on the text, for rhythmically the line can spare a word and עֵיִן om. עוֹשׁ; however, the mere omission of עוֹשׁ with עֵיִן leaves an unsatisfactory phrase and an improbable text. Doubt also rests on ארץ עֵיִן in Jer. 25²⁰, for עֵיִן omits the clause containing it. If the geographical distribution of the term 'Uş was as wide as this survey suggests, viz. from Edom to Northern Mesopotamia, this may have been due to 'Uş, or rather 'Aus (Ἐλ Αὐστρίς), itself certainly tribal rather than geographical, being the name of widely scattered tribes—Arab

tribes, perhaps, deriving their name from a god 'Auḏ (عوز), as W. R. Smith suggested (*Kinship*, 261, and, in reply to Nö. 's criticism in *ZDMG* xl. 183, *Rel. of the Semites*, 43). But though the tribes of 'Uş were widely scattered, it would not necessarily follow that the whole region over which they were scattered, or several distinct districts within it, passed by the name of the *land of Uş*. Apart from Job 1¹, the only passage casting a direct light on the situation of the *land of 'Uş* is, if the text can be trusted, La. 4²¹, and this decisively connects it with Edom.

§ II. Of the three friends of Job, Eliphaz certainly appears to come from Edom, Bildad from a tribe that may have been closely associated with Edom, while Šophar's origin is very uncertain. (On the name and origin of Elihu, see 32² n.)

Teman, the home of Eliphaz, lay at one, and that probably the northern, extremity of Edom (Ezk. 25¹³), though other sites within Edom have been attributed to it (see *EBi.* s.v.). Shuah (Gn. 25² = 1 Ch. 1^{32f.}), Bildad's tribe, claimed descent from Abraham through ʔeturah, and, according to Gn. 25² עֵי, was "uncle" of Sheba, *Teman* and Dedan, whence we may infer that Eliphaz and Bildad lived in regions not very remote from one another. The suggestion formerly put forward by Fried. Del. and accepted or favourably entertained by many writers (Dr. on Gn. 25²; Peake on Job 1¹; G-B.¹⁵, s.v.; Meyer *INS* 314; Glaser, *Skizzen*, ii. 445 f.), that Bildad's home was Suḥu on the Euphrates—some weeks' journey from Teman—has been withdrawn by Del. himself (*Hiob*, p. 139). Šophar the Na'amathite certainly did not come from Na'amah (Jos. 15⁴¹) in the Philistine plain (though Ley (*Das Buch Hiob*. 27) is willing to believe it, and to infer that he was intended to play the rôle of a representative of the religion of Israel!), nor necessarily from the Calebite Na'am (1 Ch. 4¹⁵), so that Šophar also would be an Edomite (*EBi.* 5427), nor from distant Ma'in in southern Arabia, or even from the Minæan colony or trading station at El-Ōla—which lay some three or four hundred miles S. of the home of Eliphaz. עֵ, it is true, describes Sophar as ὁ Μιναιω βασιλεὺς, thinking not of El-Ōla, which as a trading colony would not be the seat of a king, but presumably of Ma'in 1200 miles away; but this is

in accordance with its tendency to turn Job's friends, great sheikhs of neighbouring tribes, into kings and tyrants of nations. Barton (*JBLit.*, 1912, p. 66), reviving suggestions of Wetzstein in *Del.*, connects Na'amathite with en-No'eme in the Nukra (see § 14)—a suggestion that may fall in with but cannot establish a theory—and Temanite with Tema in the same region; but judiciously finds the connection of Shuite with Šueta (شويت), also in the same region, "unsatisfying."

§ 12. Some of the personal names are suggestive, or possibly suggestive, of Edom.

Not Job itself: אִיּוֹב is unknown in Hebrew literature except as the name of the hero of the book, for with יוֹב (Gn. 46¹³: EV. Job), and, in spite of 42¹⁷ אִיּוֹב (Gn. 10²⁹), it has nothing to do. The name may, on the analogy of אֵלֶּיךָ, have suggested to Hebrew readers or hearers of the story the meaning "the object of enmity," though the form קָטֵל regularly expresses an active sense; alternatively it has been connected with the

root which gives the Arabic ^أاوب (penitent). But the etymology and the identification with the proper name A-ia-bu (Tel el-Amarna Tablet, 237^{6. 13}) are alike uncertain. If of foreign origin the name may have been modified in the course of Hebrew tradition so as to express a meaning. Eliphaz, on the other hand, is well authenticated as an Edomite name (Gn. 36^{10f.} = 1 Ch. 1^{36f.}), though being of a(n early) type that was widely spread, it must not be assumed that the name was exclusively Edomite. Bildad (בִּלְדָּד, Βαλδαδ) is unknown except through the story of Job, though Che. (*EBi.* 4495) and Bu. recall the Edomite בִּיר (Gn. 36³⁵): the first element perhaps recurs in the Edomite בִּלְהָן, Βαλααν (Gn. 36⁷), which is also the name of a Benjamite (1 Ch. 7¹⁰), and in בִּלְעָם (Ammonite?; Nu. 22⁵) and בִּלְשַׁן (Babylonian-Jewish, Ezr. 2²): the second element occurs in the Hebrew אֶלְדֵּר and elsewhere (*HPV* 60ff.). Šophar as written in **𐤑** in 11¹ 42⁹ (צֹפֶר; but צוֹפֶר in 2¹¹ 20¹) is identical with the name of the father of Balak, king of Moab, as written in Nu. 22¹⁰ 23¹⁸ (צֹפֶר; but צוֹפֶר elsewhere). In **𐤑** the name of Job's friend, Σωφαρ, Σοφαρ, is always distinguished from Balak's father Σεπφωρ, Σεφωρ. In **𐤑** צוֹפֶר does not occur except in Job; but Σωφαρ occurs in Gn. 36^{11. 15} (**𐤑** צֹפֶר), 1 Ch. 1³⁶ (**𐤑** צֹפֶר) in Edomite genealogies and in close connection with Eliphaz and Teman. The Palmyrene צפרא (Lidz. *NSE* 359; *Eph.* i. 347, ii. 293, 312) is Σεφφερα (cp. De Vogué, *Syrie Centrale*, p. 15), and so probably is צפרי (Lidz. i. 199, ii. 303).

§ 13. The references to Sheba (1¹⁵) and the "Chaldæans" (1¹⁷) as raiding Job have also been invoked in determining the situation of his home: thus Dhorme (*RB*, 1911, 105) concludes that "nous sommes amenés au nord-ouest de l'Arabie quelque part au sud de Ma'an," i.e. to the frontiers of Edom. Yet even if the terms are correctly read, such a conclusion is probably too precise.

Ⲭ in 1¹⁵ has *οἱ αἰχμαλωτεύοντες* (= *נשׂוּׁ* taken collectively), and in 1¹⁷ *οἱ ἰππεῖς*, which may be an interpretation of *נשׂוּׁ* (see phil. n. on 1¹⁷), or a translation of a different text—of *נשׂוּׁ* (Che. *ET* viii. 433) rather than of *נשׂוּׁ* (Nestle, *ib.*) or *חִילִים* (Hommel, *ib.* 378 f., 431). Barton (*JBLit.*, 1912, 67) follows Ⲭ: Che. (*EBi.* 968, 2469) emends *נשׂוּׁ* into *נשׂוּׁ* (north-Arabian) Cushites, and Hommel (*l.c.*) into *חִילִים*, those of Havilah. None of these suggestions, however, is *more* probable than Ⲭ. But what does Ⲭ mean? That Job, a great sheikh indeed but not a monarch, was raided by the forces of two distant and famous kingdoms—the Chaldeans of Babylonia and the Sabaeans (see on 1¹⁵)—is unlikely even in fiction. Even if this is the meaning, which seems highly unlikely, any part of the land of the children of the E. would have been as likely as any other to receive an attack from this curious combination. But if *נשׂוּׁ* here and in 2 K. 24² are nomads E. or S.E. (note the order in 2 K., particularly if *אֲרָם* be read for *אֲרָם*) of Judah (see on 1¹⁵, also Dhorme, *RB*, 1910, 384; 1911, 105), Job's home must no doubt be placed not too far north, but whether it is *necessary* to place it farther south than the Hauran is questionable. The Sheba intended, though not the south Arabian kingdom, certainly lay south of Edom (1¹⁵ n.).

§ 14. (2) Tradition, Christian (from the 4th cent. A.D.) and Moslem, persistently connect Job with the Hauran,¹ and more exactly with the Nukra, "the great plain of the Hauran and the granary of Syria" (Baedeker, *Palestine*³, 183), where Der 'Eyyub, some forty miles S.S.W. of Damascus, perpetuates Job's name to the present day. Dhorme (*RB*, 1911, 103 f.), however, explains this tradition as due to a series of confusions, and finds traces of an early alternative Christian tradition in Chrysostom on Job 2⁸ and 'Isho'dad († c. 850) on Job 1¹, who speaks of a land of 'Uṣ still existing in Arabia. However this may be, still earlier association of Job with Edom is certainly found in the appendix to Ⲭ, which makes Job a king of Edom.

§ 15. (3) The nature of the country in which Job's home lay, if considered by itself, would point strongly to such a district as the Hauran rather than to Edom. For Job's home lay in a country of great farms, at once near a town and yet open to the desert (see on 1¹⁵, p. 2). But Edom, the home of Esau, was among the Hebrews proverbially distinguished from such country as being "away from the fatness of the earth and from the dew of heaven" (Gn. 27³⁹). Job obviously in habit

¹ See Wetzstein's Appendix in Del.; Clermont-Ganneau, *Rec. d'Archéologie Orientale*, v. 11 ff.; Guy Le Strange, *Palestine under the Moslems*, 515.

of life more nearly resembles Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, than Esau.

Thus a number of small considerations combine to suggest, though not to prove, that certain elements in the story of Job came to Israel from or through Edom; but others, while still compatible with an Eastern origin, would seem to indicate that certain features of the story, if originally Edomite, have become blurred and indistinct or transformed.

§ 16. More recently quite a different class of evidence from that already considered has been adduced in order to suggest that the ultimate source of Job is in Babylonian literature. In this case it is not the scene and the names, but the substance of the story, and in particular the speeches of Job, that are involved. The particular Babylonian poem¹ which has provoked this theory has sometimes been described as the "Babylonian Job." The hero of the poem—a king, as most have concluded—was named Tabi-utul-Bel (Jastrow), or Šubši-mešri-Nergal (Landersdorfer), Tabi-utul-Bel in the latter case being another king warned by Ur-bau in a dream to take a message to Šubši-mešri-Nergal. Tabi-utul-Bel is described as dwelling in Nippur, and the god Marduk is mentioned: other names of places and persons do not occur.

The poem opens:

I will praise the Lord of Wisdom,

¹ It has survived fragmentarily in several copies of the 7th cent. B.C., and a commentary on the poem has also been discovered; and so we may infer that, probably itself far older than the 7th cent., the poem was then still much read and studied. It appears to have extended to four tablets, containing about 300, or perhaps about 480 lines: of the first tablet only a few lines survive, of the second the greater part, of the third and fourth less—in all, probably somewhat more or less than a half. The poem is mostly in 4:4 rhythm (Job is in 3:3: see § 52). On the history, restoration and interpretation of the poem, see M. Jastrow, *Rel. Bab. u. Assyr.* ii. 120-133; *JBLit.*, 1906, 135-191; *Contemporary Review*, Dec. 1906, 801-808; S. Landersdorfer, "Eine babylonische Quelle f. d. B. J." (*Biblische Studien*, xiv. 2), 1911; Martin, "Le juste souffrant," in *Journal Asiatique*, 10th series, xvi. 75-143. See also Zimmern in *KAT*³ 384-386 (where parallelism not with Job, but with the servant of Yahweh is suggested); Rogers, *CP* 164-169 (translation of the second tablet); R. Campbell Thomson, *PSBA*, 1910, 18 ff. Further literature is given by Jastrow and Landersdorfer (pp. 11-14).

presumably for release from the sufferings, which the rest of what survives of the first tablet describes :

Although a [kin]g, I have become a slave.

The day is filled with groaning, the night with weeping :

The night with howling, the year with mourning (cp. Job 7⁸⁴).

The second tablet opens as follows :

I attained to (long) life, I moved beyond the appointed time ;

(Wherever) I turn, (there is) evil, evil ;

Oppression is increased, righteousness I see not ;

and then after recording that he had appealed to his god, his goddess and various classes of enchanters, etc. (ll. 4-9), he passes on to say that trouble has overtaken him as though he had been negligent in his religious duties (12-23), whereas he was only conscious of having been exemplary in his conduct :

But I myself took thought only for prayers and supplications,
Prayer was my rule, sacrifice my order.

This passage concludes with the lines :

The respect of the king I made of highest power :¹

In reverence of the palace I instructed the people :

For I knew that before the god such deeds are in good favour.

This is immediately followed by reflections on the mysterious ways and judgements of the gods, which are beyond the comprehension of man's short life and subject to sudden changes of fortune :

That which seemeth good to itself, that is evil with god :

And that which in its heart is rejected, that is good with his god.

Who can understand the counsel of the gods in heaven ?

The plan of the gods full of darkness, who shall establish it ?

How shall pale-faced men understand the way of the god ! (cp. Job 4¹⁷⁴).

He who lives in the evening is in the morning dead (cp. Job 34²⁰ 27¹⁹ 4¹⁸⁵).

Quickly is he in trouble, suddenly is he smitten ;

In a moment he is singing and playing,

In an instant he is howling like a complainer ;

Every moment, so are their thoughts changed.

Now they are hungry, and are like a corpse,

Again they are full, and like unto their god.

If it go well with them, they speak of climbing up to heaven :

If they be in trouble, they talk of going down to hell.

The suffering king now describes his sufferings and the symptoms of his malady : the particularity of the description and some of the figures employed recall Job's descriptions of himself ; of this long description it it must suffice to cite a few lines :

With a whip he has beaten me,—

With a staff he has pierced me, the point was strong.

All day long doth follow the avenger,

¹ Variant : like a god. Jastrow supposes that the king had sinned in allowing the people to pay him divine honour.

In the middle of the night he lets me not breathe for a moment (cp. Jb. 7^{13f.} 30¹⁷).^c

Through tearings my joints are sundered,
My limbs are undone . . .
Upon my couch I passed the night like a bull,
I was covered with my excrement like a sheep.
My symptoms of fever were not clear(?) to the magicians.

He felt himself forsaken, in immediate prospect of death, and already given up for dead:

The god helped me not, he took me not by the hand;
My goddess did not pity me, she came not to my side.
The sarcophagus hath opened (cp. Jb. 17¹. 13^{f.}) . . .
Before I was dead, the death wail was finished.
My whole land cried out, "Alas!" (or, He is ruined).
Mine enemy heard, his face glowed,
To my female enemy they brought the good tidings, her spirits brightened up.

The opening line of the third tablet, "Heavy was his hand, I could no more endure it" (cp. Jb. 23² 6), seems to represent the sufferer as reduced to despair. But God now intervenes on his behalf: for at this point, so far as can be judged from the broken and difficult text, a revelation relating to the sufferer's case is communicated to him. When the text becomes clearer again, the sufferer is obviously recording the removal of his sins and of the various symptoms of his illness:

My sins he caused the wind to carry away;

Into the depths of the abyss he sent back the evil spirit;

and the poem appears to conclude with the restoration of the sufferer to the favour of Marduk.

§ 17. Among the points of resemblance between this poem and Job are the poetical form, the subject, viz. the sudden reduction of a man of great position, who had already lived a long and prosperous life, to great misery of mind, body and estate, the long description of his sufferings put into the mouth of the sufferer,¹ the contrast between these sufferings and the kind of life to which his long-maintained piety might have been expected to lead, the reflections on the mysteries of God's dealings with mortals. These resemblances are certainly noticeable, but the differences are equally striking. The names of the persons, the topography, the rank² of the sufferer

¹ Parallels to this are frequent among the so-called Babylonian "penitential Psalms" and the Hebrew Psalms (e.g. 22. 102).

² Landersdorfer rightly insists that the transformation of a king into a sheikh is against the normal tendency of popular tradition.

are all different : there is no parallel in the Babylonian work to the combination of narrative¹ and discourse in Job, there is no parallel at all to the dialogue which forms so conspicuous and distinguishing a feature of Job : there is a sharp and crucial difference between the two works on the question of guilt as a cause of the sufferings described ; Yahweh in the Prologue and Job in his speeches agree in asserting the innocence of Job ; Yahweh asserts the perfection of Job's character, and Job is certain that his sufferings cannot be explained by any sin that he has committed. On the other hand, the Babylonian sufferer, though he is conscious of having been punctilious in the discharge of duties the neglect of which would have explained his sufferings, is anything but certain that he has not committed some sin which, unknown to him, may have been displeasing to the gods and therefore the cause of his sufferings ; and he more or less clearly admits that he had done amiss. His problem is to discover what it is that he has done to displease the gods and so to bring his sufferings upon himself. Job's problem is to understand how God can plague him though he has done nothing to displease Him. Finally, the difference in the name and country of the heroes of the two works points strongly away from, at any rate, any close connection between them.² At present, at all events, it cannot be said that any Babylonian source of the book of Job has been made out.

§ 18. Whence and in what form the story used by him came to the author of the book of Job, what predecessors he may have had in the employment of dialogue as a literary form, are questions that evidence external to the book and such internal evidence as we have so far examined answer at best very incompletely and uncertainly. But there are some who find a much more precise answer at least to the question in what form

¹ Even if the two or three lines mentioning the name and residence of Tabi-utul-Bel were, as Jastrow claimed, narrative, standing as they do in the middle of the poem and being themselves in verse, they would form no real parallel to the sustained *prose* narrative of the Prologue and Epilogue of Job.

² Che (*EBI*. 2469) suggests a different Babylonian origin for both the Hebrew story and the name of its hero : 'Iyyob is Eabani, the friend of Gilgamesh.

the story came to the author of the existing book. On the ground of differences in style and in other respects it has been claimed that the Prologue and Epilogue are the work of a writer not identical with the author of the Dialogue,¹ but that the latter extracted these from a prose book of Job,² and inserted his Dialogue between them.

There is one difference between Prologue and Epilogue on the one hand and Dialogue on the other that might at first seem to point to a use of sources in Job similar to that apparent in the Pentateuch: the Prologue and Epilogue employ, the Dialogue (3-31) studiously avoids, the use of the name Yahweh, regularly employing in its stead God (El, Eloah) or, like P, the Almighty (Shaddai).

§ 19. The use of the divine names in different parts of the book is as follows:

NAME.	NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES IN				TOTAL.
	Cc. 1, 2 and 42 ⁷⁻¹⁷ .	Cc. 3-31.	Cc. 32-37.	Cc. 38-42 ⁶ .	
אל .	0	33	19	3	55
אלוה .	0	33	6	2	41
שדי .	0	24	6	1	31
אלהים .	8	3	2	1	14
האלהים .	3	0	0	0	3
יהוה .	23	1 (12 ⁹)	0	5	29

¹ In an earlier stage of criticism, a theory (now generally and rightly abandoned), according to which the Dialogue was written first and the Prologue and Epilogue were added later by another writer, gained some currency: so, according to K. Kautzsch, to whose dissertation, *Das sogenannte Volksbuch von Hiob*, 3 ff., reference may be made for the history of this theory, first Simon (1685), then Schultens (1737), Hasse (1789), Stuhlmann (1804), de Wette (1807), Studer (1875), who threw out the suggestion that the original introduction to the poem exists in c. 29 f. (*Jahrb. f. protest. Theologie*, i. 706 ff.). S. Lee (1837) held that Job committed the speeches to writing, and that Moses added the Prologue and Epilogue.

² So Du. most incisively (see p. xxvi, n. 4). For earlier theories of the Prologue (and Epilogue) as derived from or resting on an earlier popular (prose) book of Job, see Che. *Job and Solomon*, p. 66 ff.; Hoffmann; Bu.

עליו never occurs in Job, nor האל, for in view of the frequent occurrence of אל without the article it would be illegitimate to assume its presence with the particles ל and כ (אל ל, אל כ) in 13⁸ 21¹⁴ 22¹⁷ 31²⁸ 33⁶ 34^{10, 37} (cp. G-B. pp. 36b, 37a). The pl. אלה occurs nowhere in the existing text, nor should it be introduced by emendation (Che.) in 41¹⁽⁹⁾. ארני occurs only in 28²⁸. The terms regularly used in other parts of the book *never* occur in the Prologue and Epilogue, and the terms used in the Prologue and Epilogue occur either not at all or very rarely, or only under special circumstances, in the other parts of the book: thus the single occurrence in cc. 3-31 of יהוה is in 12⁹—an interpolated v., and the five occurrences in 38-42⁶ all occur not in the speeches, but in the *narrative* links (38¹ 40^{1, 3, 6} 42¹); the three occurrences of אלהים in 3-31 are in c. 28²³ (probably an interpolated c.), 20²⁹ a rhythmically overloaded line, and 5⁸, where *perchance* אלהים has arisen from אלה under the influence of the following אשם; and of two occurrences in 32-37, one occurs in the prose introduction (32²), the other in 34⁹ which may be an interpolation. In part the difference of usage in different parts of the book is merely part of the difference between the language of prose and that of poetry: so at least we may account for the use of אל to the almost complete exclusion of אלהים in the poetical parts. But the use of אל, שני and אלה to the complete exclusion of יהוה in the speeches must be due to the fact that the *speakers* are represented as living before, or outside the sphere of, the revelation of the name Yahweh; on the other hand, the *narrator*, alike in the Prologue and Epilogue and in 38-42⁶, regularly uses Yahweh. Again, as the term Yahweh is avoided in the speeches of 3-42⁶, so is it absent from the words of Job in 1⁵ 2¹⁰, and of the messenger in 1¹⁶, and of Job's wife in 2⁹, אלהים (ה) being used instead; only in 1²¹ is Yahweh used in words of Job, this speech thus differing not only from the longer speeches of 3-42⁶ but also from the briefer sayings in 1. 2. Whether or not this difference *within the Prologue* can be satisfactorily explained, in view of the *difference* of usage *in speeches* within the Prologue and the *identity* of usage *in narrative* in the Prologue and in 38-42⁶ (in 3-31 there is no opportunity for the use of יהוה in narrative), it is very precarious to infer from the use of the divine names that the Prologue and Dialogue are the work of different writers. Other differences may be more significant: viz., in c. 28 the use (see p. 232 n.) of Elohim and Adonai and the greater relative frequency of אל in 32-37 (see § 24).

§ 20. If the differing use of the divine names in the Prologue and Dialogue and the mere fact that the one is prose, the other poetry do not point to difference of authorship, certainly nothing else in the style and vocabulary does so: on the other hand, there are certain noticeable similarities of usage which, if they do not by themselves prove, yet rather favour the common authorship, or, failing that, a rather thorough assimilation by the author of the one of the style of the other.

Thus Prologue and Dialogue agree in describing Job as perfect and in expressing this preferably by the forms תם and תָּקָה as against the forms תָּמִים

and **אם** which are more frequent in other books (see n. on 1¹). The particle **אם** is a common characteristic of various parts of the book, being as frequent in Job as in the whole of the rest of the OT. (see phil. n. on 33¹); note also **בלע**, meaning *to destroy* (2³ n.); **נר**, *to console* 2¹¹ 42¹¹, **נר**, 16⁵ (2¹¹ n.); 'על פני' (defiantly), 1¹¹ (**אם**, 2⁵ 13¹⁵) 6²⁸ 21³¹, רעים of Job's three friends (2¹¹ 19²¹), **באב**, 2¹³ 16⁶ (but **כאב** in Elihu, 33¹⁹). Most of these with several other—mostly insignificant—similarities of vocabulary are given in K. Kautzsch, *Das sogenannte Volksbuch von Hiob*, pp. 39-44. Noticeable also in this connection is the presence in 2¹⁰ of the very pronounced Aramaism **קבל** (for Hebrew **לקח**), as a companion of the Aramaisms of the Dialogue (§§ 28, 47). It may be observed that these similarities—for what they may possess of positive worth—are confined to the Prologue, and do not extend to the Epilogue.

Other grounds for assuming difference of authorship have been sought in certain supposed inconsistencies of details, such as the alleged reference in 19¹⁷ (but see n. there) to Job's children as still living, or of general attitude and purpose (but see §§ 32 ff.). But whether the author was content to provide his dialogue with a ready-made setting, which, according to the exponents of this theory, was incongruous and out of harmony with his own purpose, or whether he moulded the more plastic material of oral story to his own purpose, the work in either case as it left his hands consisted of Prologue, Dialogue and Epilogue. We have next to inquire how far this work has been affected by subsequent expansion, mutilation or other modification.

§ 21. Apart from shorter passages,¹ which have been suspected of being additions to the original text, but which, even if such, do not affect the general structure of the work, there are two sections which are or have been under suspicion of being in whole or in part additions, and a third which has probably been in some way seriously modified.² The sections in question are:

¹ See particularly the commentary on 7⁸ 10³⁰ 11⁶⁰ 12^{2b}. 4-12 15^{30a} 16³⁰⁻¹¹ 17⁶⁻¹⁰ 20¹⁶. 22^{3a} 21²² 22^{17f}. 23^{8f}. 24 (introductory note).

² Reference may also be made here to the theory that the scenes in heaven (1⁶⁻¹¹ 21^{7a}) are additions to the original Prologue (so, e.g., Kön. *Einkl.* 415): certainly 1¹³ connects formally in a certain respect (see n. on 1¹³) even better with 1⁵ than with 1¹², and by reading "And *Yahweh* smote" in 2^{7b} this might attach though rather abruptly to 1²². But a theory which on inadequate grounds destroys, as this does, the dramatic effectiveness of the Prologue is not to be accepted.

(a) Cc. 25-28, the conclusion of the third cycle of speeches;
 (b) Cc. 32-37, Elihu; (c) Cc. 38¹-42⁶, the speeches of Yahweh.

(a) Cc. 25-28.¹—Down to 24 the interchange of speeches has proceeded quite regularly, a speech of one of the friends, ranging in length from 19 to 34 distichs, receiving in reply a speech of Job, in every case longer and in the present probably expanded text of cc. 12-14 much longer. Each of the friends has spoken twice: Eliphaz has also spoken a third time and received Job's reply. After c. 28 there follows a speech of Job (29-31) which, like his opening speech (3), is neither addressed to, nor takes any account of, the friends, though, unlike 3, it is in part, though a very small part, addressed to God (30²⁰⁻²³). Thus the conclusion of the dialogue proper is to be sought in or within 25-28, or rather 25-27, for 28 is, as a quiet impersonal description of Wisdom, differing from the Dialogue in its use of the divine names (§ 19) and for various reasons discussed in the commentary, best regarded as an independent poem, which formed no part of the original work.

Now 25-27 at present contain a brief speech of Bildad (25²⁻⁶, consisting of 5 distichs only as against the 19 distichs of the shortest of the preceding speeches, viz. Šophar's first speech), and one longer speech (of about 35 distichs), or rather (cp. 27¹) of two shorter speeches (of about 13 and 22 distichs respectively), addressed by Job to Bildad in particular (26²⁻⁴), or, like Job's previous speeches, to the three friends in common (27²⁻⁵). In the brevity of Bildad's third speech and the absence of the attribution of any third speech to Šophar, it has frequently been held that the poet provided a formal indication that the friends had exhausted their arguments and thrown up their case. This explanation might be more favourably entertained, if everything else in 22-27 containing the third cycle of speeches were in order; but this is not so. Even in c. 24, as is pointed out in the commentary, there is more or less matter that fits ill in a speech of Job: in 26 f. there is much more: and indeed we may analyse 26 f. into (1) matter appropriate to a speech of

¹ Cp. G. A. Barton, "The Composition of Job 24-30," in *JBLit.*, 1911, 66 ff.

Job's and inappropriate to a speech of one of the friends— $27^{2-6. (11) 12}$; (2) matter inappropriate (for opinions to the contrary, see the commentary) to a speech of Job, but appropriate to the friends— $27^{7-10. 13-23}$; and (3) neutral matter, *i.e.* matter not inappropriate either in Job or the friends— $26^{2-4. 5-14}$. Now (2) has been by some (Stu. Bernstein, We. Sgf. Kue.) dismissed as consisting of interpolations; but, since so regarded they are entirely suitable, it is far more probable that these passages are contributions to the third round of the debate by Bildad and Šophar. In this case 25–27 should contain in whole or in part Bildad's third speech and Job's reply to it, and Šophar's third speech and (unless, as indeed might well be, the monologue in 29–31 takes the place of this) Job's reply to Šophar—in all four or, at least, three speeches. But from the limited extent of these chapters we must conclude that part only and not the whole of these four (or three) speeches survive.

The three cc. contain the equivalent of about 40 distichs, whereas four speeches equalling in length only the shortest of the preceding speeches of Job, Bildad and Šophar would amount to about 95, three speeches to about 70 distichs. By assigning to Job all the neutral in addition to the positively appropriate matter, 20 distichs can be obtained for him which would perhaps suffice for one speech (his shortest previous speech ran to 28 distichs) though certainly not for two; but in this case there remain only 20 distichs to be distributed among Bildad and Šophar which are far too few. On the other hand, if the neutral matter be assigned to Bildad and Šophar, even then there is scarcely enough to bring up their speeches to even approximately normal length; and the effect is to leave only 7 distichs in all to Job—altogether insufficient for his reply to Bildad alone, even if 29–31 may be regarded as taking the place of any reply to Šophar.

The probability is great, not that to the third cycle Šophar contributed nothing and Bildad less than half a dozen distichs, but that the speeches of the third cycle have through some accident reached us in a very imperfect form, part of them having been lost, the remainder dislocated. This single hypothesis of mutilation of the text accounts at once for the whole of the peculiarities of the existing close of the third cycle—the brevity of Bildad's speech, the absence of Šophar's, the utterance by Job of matter contradicting his own and in harmony with previous utterances of Bildad and Šophar, and the attri-

bution to Job of *two* formal openings (26^{2-4} 27^{2-6}) in reply to a single speech—the brief words of Bildad.

But if there has been serious loss and dislocation of matter, the data for any complete or certain reconstruction of the third cycle do not exist. We cannot determine, for example, whether the loss has affected the speeches of Šophar and Bildad equally, whether Šophar's speech was wholly lost while most of Bildad's survives, or whether most of Šophar's but only a mere fragment of Bildad's has survived. The main point is to recognize that the passages inappropriate in the mouth of Job formed no part of his speech in the original poem.

Under these circumstances it may suffice to record, without entering into particular criticism of them, some of the reconstructions which have been attempted. Most of those who find any of Šophar's speech find it in 27^{7-23} to which Grätz (*Monatsschrift*, 1872, pp. 241-250) adds c. 28 as a development of Šophar's standpoint in 11^{5-10} . Marshall exceptionally attributes 25^{2-6} 26^{8-14} to Šophar; and Bi. (1894) $27^{7-10, 14-20}$. Among the reconstructions offered of Bildad's speech are the following:—(1) $25+28$ (Stuhlmann, 1804); (2) $25+26^{8-14}$ Elzas, *The Book of Job* (1872), p. 83, cited by Che. *Book of Job*, p. 114, n. 1; Che. *ib.* (in *EBi.* 2478 he regards these vv. as substituted for a lost third speech of Bildad); Reuss, *Sgf.*; (3) $26^{2-4}+25^{2-6}$ 26^{8-14} (Du.); (4) $25^{2, 3}+26^{8-14}$, Peake; (5) 15^{17-19} 25^{4-6} , Honth.; (6) $25, 24^{13-25}$, Hoffm.; (7) $25, 24^{18-20}$ 27^{13-23} , Ley; (8) 24^{18-21} , Marshall; (9) $25, 27^{8-10, 13-23}$, Bi. (1882); but, in 1894, $25^{2, 3}$ $26^{12, 13, 14c}$ 25^{4-6} .

§ 22. (b) Cc. 32-37. Elihu.—These cc. consist of a brief introduction in prose (32^{1-6}), and a long speech or series of speeches in verse delivered by Elihu. The cc. were obviously written to occupy their present position in the book: as 32^{1-6} explains, Elihu speaks when the three friends had ceased to reply to Job; and in the speeches Elihu rebukes Job and the friends alike; and from Job's previous speeches he cites actual words, or summarizes statements in them (p. 278), in order to refute them. But it is scarcely less obvious that the rest of the book was not written with any knowledge of these speeches; and consequently that they formed no part of the original work. In contrast to Elihu's frequent direct reference to the friends and to Job, there is no reference, direct or indirect, in any other part of the book to Elihu; the Prologue gives the setting for the debate that follows, and explains how the three

friends who subsequently take part in it come to be present, but it says nothing of Elihu, and the special prose introduction to Elihu's speeches only partially supplies the omission; it gives a reason why Elihu speaks, it gives no reason why he is present. Neither Job nor the friends take the slightest notice of Elihu's attacks on them, or of his arguments; his speech is of greater length than any that have gone before, but no one interrupts him while he is speaking, no one has a word to say of or to him when he has done. Job's last speech closes with an appeal to God to answer him (31^{35ff.}), and Yahweh's reply opens (38²) with words obviously addressed to the person who has just finished speaking; since this cannot be Elihu but must be Job, Yahweh's opening admits of no intervening speech of Elihu. Finally, in the Epilogue Yahweh expresses a judgement on what Job has said and what the three friends have said, but makes not the slightest reference to Elihu. Thus this entire section can be removed from the book without any sense of loss or imperfection in its construction being created.

But the speeches are not only superfluous, they are also destructive of the effect of what follows. They are superfluous, because they add nothing substantial to what the friends have said except in so far as they anticipate what Yahweh is to say; they fail, as those speeches had failed, to meet Job's case. They repeat arguments, and even words of the friends (see 33^{9, 19, 26} 34^{7, 8-11, 21f.} 35⁵⁻⁷ with nn. there). But they also anticipate (32^{27-37²¹}) in part what Yahweh says (38⁴⁻³⁸)—a fact which is entirely explained, if the writer had before him or in his mind the whole book, the speech(es) of Yahweh equally with those of the friends, but most unnaturally if they were the work of the original author who intended Yahweh's speech to round off the debate.

§ 23. Further in the style and language of these chapters there is, in spite of very much that is common to,¹ much that

¹ See Bu. *Beiträge*, 92-123; W. Posselt, *Der Verfasser d. Elihu Reden* (1909), 67-111. The common features are the natural result of the familiarity of the writer with the book which he was supplementing; so, e.g., he naturally uses the same names for God, but (see § 24) with differing relative frequency.

is notably different from the rest of the book, alike in the verbose prose of 32¹⁻⁶ as compared with the Prologue, and in the poetry of the speeches as compared with the other speeches in the book. Some differentiation in the style and even in vocabulary (Eliphaz, for example, alone uses יְרֵאָה in the sense of religion, 4⁶ n.) might be attributed to dramatic differentiation: and we might seek to explain the prolixity of these speeches as a dramatist's indication that the speaker is a wise young man who is conscious of possessing much more wisdom than his elders, and makes up for lack of real contribution to a discussion by the abundance and violence of his speech; and yet such an explanation, however consonant with the impression made on many readers by Elihu's speeches, is not true to the writer's own intention (see on 32⁶⁻²²). And in any case there remains much which cannot be attributed to dramatic differentiation, and which, *in the mass*, is most reasonably attributed to diversity of authorship.

§ 24. (1) Elihu shows a marked relative preference for אֱל, using this term more frequently than all other terms for God together, whereas in the Dialogue אֱלֹה is used with the same frequency, and יְיָ also frequently (§ 18).

Naturally enough even in the Dialogue the relative frequency of the three terms differs in different groups of cc.; but never does the difference in any six consecutive cc. equal that found in the six cc. of Elihu's speech; and the occurrences in Bildad's speeches are too few for a safe comparison. The following table will serve to bring out the differences:

OCCURRENCES IN	אֱל	אֱלֹה	יְיָ
Elihu	19	6	6
Rest of the Book	36	35	25
Job's Speeches down to c. 24	10	17	7
Cc. 26-31	7	7	7
Eliphaz's Speeches	8	6	7
Bildad's "	6	0	2
Şophar's "	2	3	1
Cc. 3-8	5	8	5
" 9-14	5	7	2
" 15-20	9	6	1

The net result of Bu.'s additions and omissions is to reduce the occurrences of אלה and שר by one each. He adds אל in 32⁸ 33²⁷ and omits 33⁴ 36²⁶ containing אל, 35⁴ containing שר, and 37¹⁵ containing אלה (also 34⁹ containing אלהים).

Throughout the Dialogue the three names are used without marked preference for any one of them, a more frequent use of one of them, in say a dozen occurrences of all three being balanced by a more frequent use of the others in the following passage : note these most striking cases : in cc. 3-7 אל, אלה, שר occur—1, 8, 3 times respectively, in c. 8—4, 0, 2 ; in cc. 9-11—1, 5, 1 ; in cc. 12-15—8, 3, 2 ; in c. 22—3, 2, 5. One consideration governing the choice of the names may be noted : where in each line of a distich a divine name is used (often the parallelism, if expressed at all, is expressed by means of a pronoun), a marked preference is shown for שר as one of the two : this is true of all parts of the book : in Elihu שר occurs four times in parallelism with another divine term, twice at most not in such parallelism ; in the rest of the book it occurs 17 times in, 8 times not in parallelism with another term. On the other hand, אל occurs in Elihu 15 times not in parallelism against 4 times in parallelism, and in the rest of the book 23 times not in parallelism against 13 times in parallelism. Thus the relative infrequency of שר in Elihu's speeches is but another side of a difference between those speeches and the rest of the book : in Elihu a single divine name with no expressed parallel is a more frequent occurrence than elsewhere. Finally, when but a single name is used, Elihu shows a very marked preference for אל (אל, 15 ; אלה, 6), the rest of the book a slight preference for אלה (אל, 23 ; אלה, 27).

§ 25. (2) Elihu shows a decidedly increased preference for אני rather than אנכי.

The occurrences of the two forms of the 1st pers. pronoun in various parts of the book is as follows :

	אני	אנכי
Prologue	4	0
Dialogue	15	11
Yahweh (40 ¹⁴)	1	0
42 ⁴ (= 21 ^{2a})	0	1
Elihu	9	2

To avoid either over- or under-emphasizing the significance of the figures, a closer analysis of the usage is needed. Increased preponderance of אני over אנכי in so far as it is due to the age of the writing, is due to lateness (Dr. *LOT* 155 n.). The four occurrences of אני in the Prologue would therefore be striking, if they were really four; but they are merely the four-times repeated phrase $\text{ואמלטה רק אני לברי}$, where אני follows a particle as it frequently does in both the Dialogue and Elihu. Too slight again is the use in 40¹⁴ and 42⁴ (a virtual quotation of 21³) to throw light on either the age or authorship of these passages.

As between the Dialogue and Elihu, while some of the difference might be otherwise explained, some of it is most reasonably attributed to the difference of authorship and the somewhat later date of cc. 32–37. One occurrence of אנכי in the Dialogue is due to a repetition ($12^3 = 13^2$) probably not in the original text; another is open to some doubt (see phil. n. on 21⁴ where § omits אנכי). So also one occurrence of אני (9²¹) may be secondary. Similarly in Elihu one occurrence of אני occurs in a repetition ($32^{10b} = 17^b$). Allowing for these textual uncertainties the ratio in the Dialogue is 14 : 9, in Elihu 8 : 2. Both agree in using both forms for the prefixed subj. of a vb. : so in Elihu אני אשיבך 35⁴, but החש ואנכי אדבר 33³¹ (cp. 21³); in the Dialogue אני ראיני 5³ and so, though always after ו or other particles, and, except in 19²⁵, with the impf., 5⁸ 6²⁴ 7¹¹ 13^{3, 18} 19^{25, 27}, but שאני ואנכי אדבר 21³ and with preceding ו or other particle 9¹⁴ 13²² 14¹⁵ 16⁴, and without preceding ו , 9²⁹. As the subj. of a non-verbal pred., Elihu uses אני in 33^{9a} 32⁶ only in 33^{9b}, where desire for a variation in a parallel line may account for the use of the (with Elihu) very infrequent form; the Dialogue so uses אני in 7¹² 9²⁰ (= 21) 29¹⁵, but with equal frequency אנכי 9³⁵ 12³ (= 13³) 29¹⁶. After particles (other than ו), while Elihu uses אני exclusively (אני אף 32^{10b} (= 17^b) 17^a, אני 33⁶, אני 33⁶, אני 33⁶, אני 34²³), the Dialogue uses both (אני אולם אני 5⁸ 13³, אני 7¹¹ 13², אני 13¹⁸, אני 15¹⁶, אני 19²⁷, and אני אף 14¹, אני 16⁴, אני 21⁴ (2)). In particular, the contrast is interesting between אני ככם אדברה 16⁴ and אני 16⁴ and אני 33⁶. To sum up; whereas in the Dialogue אנכי is a frequent alternative to אני , in Elihu אנכי occurs only in 33³¹, a reminiscence of 21³, and in 33^{9b} where אנכי is a parallel term to אני in 33^{9a}.

§ 26. (3) Similarly Elihu makes distinctly less use of certain rarer forms of particles and pronominal suffixes.

No doubt several of these forms occur too infrequently to have separately much or any significance. But the significance of the whole group is hardly to be cancelled by the considerations which Bu. and Pesselt have brought forward. The usages may be tabulated thus :

OCCURRENCES OF	IN ELIHU (L.).	REST OF JOB (R.).	REST OF OT.
עלי (6 ⁵ 7 ¹ nn.) ¹ . . .	2	13	25
עלי	0	2 (7 ⁴ 20 ⁵)	10 (<i>Isaiah</i> , p. 467)
עלי	0	4 ²	0
במו ³	1	3 (4)	4 (5)
במו	0	11 ⁴	32
למו	0 ⁵	4 ⁶	0
מו ⁷	3	16	13
בלי ⁸ (without prefix) . . .	2	8	11
למו ⁹	0	10	45
עלמו ¹⁰	0	8	4

§ 27. (4) In certain cases E expresses ideas common to himself and R by different terms: e.g. דע (p. 234), תמים (except in E, only in the probably interpolated v. 12⁴) in lieu of תם (p. 3), נער in lieu of נערים (p. 250). Cp. also 32¹ n., 33¹ n., and the phil. nn. on מענה 32³, פעלי 36³ (ct. ירשע 31¹⁵), 34¹². Note also that E always uses אָנִי־י in phrases of the type אָנִי־יֵשֶׁע א' (34⁸. 10. 34. 36; in 37⁷ the text is probably corrupt), whereas elsewhere in such phrases מִי־י is always employed (11¹¹ 19¹⁹ 22¹⁵ 31³¹).

¹ The occurrences in Job are in 6⁵ 7¹ (Qre) 8⁹ 9²⁶ 15²⁷ 16¹⁵ 18¹⁰ 20⁴ 29³. 4. 7 38²⁴ 41²² | 33¹⁵ 36²⁸. Add perhaps 31²¹ (l. עלי ח). Cp. the occurrences of על in the poetical parts of the book: R 48+12 (ועל), E 15+1 (ועל). Note further in R ערי and אלי always, and עלי, except in four cases (16¹⁵ 18¹⁰ 20³. 4), occur before a tone syllable (7¹ n.): both cases in E are before toneless syllables (33¹⁵ 36²⁸). על occurs R 21, E 2 (32¹¹ 34²⁶ ער נזח); אל R 22, E 5.

² 3²² 5²⁶ 15²² 29¹⁹.

³ (9³⁰) 16⁴. 5 19¹⁶ | 37⁸, Is. (25¹⁰) 43² 44¹⁶. 19, Ps. 11².

⁴ 6¹⁵ 10²² bis 12³ 14⁹ 19²² 28⁵ 31³⁷ 38¹⁴ 40¹⁷ 41¹⁶.

⁵ There would be one occurrence in E, if in 33²³ we read ממים לם.

⁶ 27¹⁴ 29²¹ 38⁴⁰ 40⁴.

⁷ 6¹⁶ 7⁶ 9³. 25 11⁹ 12²² 14¹¹ 15²². 30 16¹⁶ 18¹⁷ 20⁴ bis 28⁴ 36³⁰ 31⁷ | 33¹⁸. 23. 30.

⁸ 8¹¹ 24¹⁰ 30⁸ 31³⁹ 38² 39¹⁶ 41¹⁸ 42³ | 33⁹ 34⁶.

⁹ 3¹⁴ 6¹⁹ 14²¹ 15²⁸ 22¹⁷. 19 24¹⁶. 17 30¹³ 39⁴. Against these ten occurrences of למו there are in E 1, in R 4 cases of להם: Mandelkern, *Concord. Minor*, 811 f.

¹⁰ Three (20²³ 22² 27²³: cp. also 18²⁰ ט: see nn. on the passages), if the text is correct=עליו (which occurs in E 4, in R 20 times): five times (6¹⁶ 21¹⁷ 36². 5 29²²)=עליהם (which occurs once in E, twice in R). Statistics based on Mandelkern, *Concord. Minor*, 528, 529. Note also בפינו, 27²³, G-K. 917.

§ 28. (5) In common with R, E contains a number of Aramaisms; ¹ but, though this feature has been on the one hand exaggerated, on the other minimized, in E the Aramaic element is somewhat more prominent. Since in detail there is much that is open in varying degrees to uncertainty, exact statistics cannot usefully be presented; but of 32 Aramaisms which Kautzsch (*Die Aramäismen im alten Testament*, p. 101) claims in Job, 5 are common to E and R, 8 peculiar to E, 19 peculiar to R, whereas the ratio of E to R (1 : 6) would lead us to expect but three peculiar to E. I now give the Aramaisms claimed as certain by Kautzsch with the passages under which the words are discussed in the philological notes, and then add a few from Kautzsch's list of uncertain Aramaisms or elsewhere. Most of the words in question occur but once in Job; of those that occur more frequently I place the number of occurrences after the word. I prefix a ? to certain words open to doubt textually or as to their actual Aramaic character, and give references to Nöldeke's criticism in his important review of Kautzsch (*ZDMG* lvii. 412-420: cited below as N with the number of the page)

Common to E and R are אלה (Piel *to teach*, 15⁵ 33³³ 35¹¹: Qal *to learn*, Pr. 22^{25†}: in $\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{S}$ = Heb. לָמַד, חוה (R 1, E 4) 15¹⁷,² מַלֵּל³ (R 1, E 1) 8², מִלָּה³ (R 20, E 14) 4², שָׁנָא, שָׁנָה (R 2 + 1, E 1) 8⁷.

Peculiar to R are אַחוּה 13¹⁷,² ? הֵן, *if*,⁴ חֲדָה 3⁶, טוֹשׁ 9²⁶, ? מַבֵּל (2)⁵

¹ On the Aramaisms in Job, cp. in addition to the works cited above and those of Bu. and Posselt cited in § 23 n., Bernstein, "Inhalt, Zweck u. gegenwärtige Beschaffenheit des B. Hiob," in Keil u. Tzschirner's *Analekten* (1813), i. 3, pp. 49-79; Che. *Job and Solomon*, 293-295, in many respects modified in *EBi.* 2486 f.

² Che. (*EBi.* 2487) omits 15¹⁷ and 13¹⁷, thus leaving the root חוה confined to E.

³ N. 413 claims מַלֵּל as מִלָּה, as "echt hebräisch." In Job מִלָּה is a synonym of רִבֵּר and אָמַר: it is relatively more frequent in E (מִלָּה, 14; אָמַר, 4; רִבֵּר: 4: R מִלָּה, 20; אָמַר, 6; רִבֵּר, 12). For the Aramaizing pl. (but see N. 413, n. 2) מַלִּין, E has a preference, using it 7 times against מִלִּים 3 times; R מַלִּין 6, מִלִּים 7 times.

⁴ Kautzsch claims 6 occurrences—9^{11f.} 12^{14f.} 23⁸ 40²³; but see 9¹² n., where Dr. admits at most 9¹² 40²³: cp. N. 416.

⁵ N. 415.

13⁴, יקר, *glorious* 31²⁶, בָּרַךְ (2) 30⁶, כָּפַן (2) 5²², לָהֵן ??, *therefore* 30²⁴, מָכַךְ ? 24²⁴, נָחַח,² *to descend* 21¹³ (17¹⁶), עָרֹד,³ 39⁵, עָחָק, 21⁷, עֲשָׁחוּת ? 12⁵, קָבַל (2) 2¹⁰, קָרַב,⁴ *war* 38²³, שָׁחַד 16¹⁹, שְׂרִירִים ? 40¹⁶, חָקַק 14²⁰.

Peculiar to E are ? בָּחַר 34⁴, חָף⁵ 33⁹, בָּחַר 36², מַעֲבֵד 34²⁵, עָקַב 37⁴, רָעַע (= עָכַב)⁶ 37⁴, רָצִין (= רָצִין) 34²⁴, שָׁנִיא (2) 36²⁶, שָׂרָה 37³.

Other words which should also probably be considered Aramaisms are אָכַף 33⁷, קָטַל 13¹⁵ 24¹⁴ ("probably Aramaic," N. 417), and שְׁלֹחֶבֶת 15³⁰ (N. 417)—*i.e.* one word only in E, two only in R. רָקַב in 13²⁸, if it meant *wine-skin* (Be.; Nestle, *ZATW* xx. 172; Che. *EBi.* 2487), would also be an Aramaism, but מָאֵס 7⁵, cited by Kautzsch in his doubtful examples, may be disregarded.

§ 29. (6) As important as the details which can be statistically presented is the general impression of the style. "The style of Elihu . . . is prolix, laboured and somewhat tautologous (32⁶ end. 10b. 17^b): the power and brilliancy which are so conspicuous in the poem generally are sensibly missing. The reader, as he passes from Job and his three friends to Elihu, is conscious at once that he has before him the work of a writer, not indeed devoid of literary skill, but certainly inferior in literary and poetical genius to the author of the rest of the book. The language is often involved and the thought strained" (Dr. *LOT* 429). With this view Bu., who in his *Beiträge* offered the most elaborate defence of the identity of style in cc. 32-37 and the rest of the book, now practically concurs (Comm. xix.² xxvii.): but he attributes this diversity of style in the section as a whole to the interpolation of some 30 verses (32²⁻⁵. 11-12. 15-17 33⁴. 15b. 33 34⁹. 10a. 25-28. 29^c 35⁴ 36¹³. 14. 17. 25. 26. 29. 30 37¹³. 15. 16) and much corruption of the text. Some of the harshness and obscurity is certainly due to corruption (see on 33²¹ 34²⁰. 29-33 36³³), and some interpolation there may have

¹ N. 414.

² N. 414 "kann althebräisch sein."

³ N. 413—perhaps a good Hebrew synonym of פָּרַע.

⁴ N. 413 f.: traditional Aramaic *punctuation* קָרַב not necessarily correct.

⁵ N. 415 points out that the meaning required in 33⁹ does not occur in Aramaic.

⁶ In addition to the n. on 37³, cp. Rothstein in *ZDMG* lvii. 82.

been (*e.g.*, perhaps in 34²⁵ 36^{26, 29, 30}) here, as elsewhere in the book; but it is in general improbable that these chapters have been *more* extensively interpolated than the rest, and in particular there is no sufficient reason for regarding as interpolations most of the passages omitted by Bu. The assumption again, that the omissions of *G* represent additions to the original text, is as precarious here as elsewhere (see § 50). A different theory of diversity of authorship within 32-37 is put forward by Nichols, who distinguishes 32¹¹⁻¹⁶ 34. 35^{15, 16} (placed between 34²⁷ and 34) as the words of a "second wise man" addressed not at all to Job (34¹⁶ is omitted, and with *G* 34²⁸⁻³³), but throughout to the wise; the style of both authors in 32-37 is held to differ from that of the rest of the book.

The various reasons already given, independently of considerations adduced in § 32 ff., suffice to show that cc. 32-37 are the work of another writer than the author of the book.

§ 30. (c) Cc. 38¹-42⁶, the speech(es) of Yahweh.

The only ground for questioning this section as a whole lies in the nature of the contents which have appeared to some incapable of reconciliation with the standpoint of the author of the Dialogue. This will be discussed below (§§ 38-39). Apart from this everything is in favour of the main part of the section having formed part of the original work. The speeches of Elihu may be removed without causing a tremor to the structure of the book; but without some speech of Yahweh the structure falls to pieces. The book as a finished structure can never have closed with c. 31 (or 37); a speech of Yahweh is the natural, if not the necessary sequel to Job's closing soliloquy; and a speech of Yahweh is certainly presupposed in the opening words of the Epilogue (42⁷). Thus there are three alternatives: (1) the speech is authentic; (2) the original author left his work unfinished, and a subsequent writer added the speech of Yahweh; (3) the present has been substituted for a speech in the original work. In either of the last two alternatives we might expect difference of style; but such difference, if it can be detected at all, does not extend beyond 40⁶-41³⁴ (26). Cc. 38f. at least are by general consent un-

surpassed for poetical power. On the whole, then, 38. 39 together with 40²⁻⁵ and 42²⁻⁶ appear to be integral to the book, but 40⁶-42¹ for reasons given in the commentary (pp. 348 f., 351 f.) are probably later additions.

§ 31. The conclusions on the main questions now reached, and those on minor details indicated in the commentary, may be tabulated so as to indicate the original structure of the book and additions which at various times it may have received. The passages absent from $\mathfrak{G}$, representing (in the main) a subsequent abbreviation of the book (§ 48 f.), are also given: as omissions from $\mathfrak{G}$ are reckoned lines absent from $\mathfrak{B}$ (with half a dozen exceptions), or (in 39⁹-40⁸) asterisked in $\mathfrak{S}^H$, and also 17¹⁶ 20³ (see § 49).

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ORIGINAL ELEMENTS.	ADDITIONS PROB- ABLE OR POSSIBLE.	OMISSIONS IN $\mathfrak{G}$.
1. Prologue, 1. 2		[Enumeration of vv. by Swete; where that of the translation differs from this, it is added in brackets.]
2. Job's soliloquy, 3		
3. Dialogue between the friends and Job		
First cycle of speeches		
Eliphaz, 4. 5		5 ^{23a} .
Job, 6. 7 except	7 ⁸	7 ⁸ .
Bildad, 8		
Job, 9. 10	10 ^{3c}	9 ^{24b} . c 10 ^{4a} ($\mathfrak{B}$: 10 ^{4a} , b Sw. both = 10 ^{4b} $\mathfrak{B}$).
Sophar, 11	11 ^{6c}	11 ^{5b} .
Job, 12-14	12 ^{5b} . 1-12	12 ^{8b} . 9. 18b. 21a. 23 13 ^{19b} . 20b
		14 ^{12c} . 18. 19.
Second cycle of speeches		
Eliphaz, 15 except	15 ^{30a}	15 ¹⁰ . 26b. 27.
Job, 16. 17	16 ^{9c-11} 17 ⁸⁻¹⁰	16 ^{3b} . 8b. 9 (71b-8) 22 (21)b.
		17 ^{3b-5a} . 12. 16.
Bildad, 18		18 ^{9b} . 10. 15 (but 19c $\mathfrak{G}$ = 15a $\mathfrak{B}$)
		16. 17b.
Job, 19		19 ^{24a} . 28b.
Sophar, 20	20 ¹⁶ . 28	20 ³ . 9. 11-13. 14b. 20b. 21a. 23a. 25c.
Job, 21	21 ²²	21 ¹⁵ . 19b. 21. 23. 23-23.

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OF JOB—*continued*

ORIGINAL ELEMENTS.	ADDITIONS PROB- ABLE OR POSSIBLE.	OMISSIONS IN Cr.
3. Dialogue between the friends and Job Third cycle of speeches Eliphaz, 22 except Job, 23. 24 „ Bildad, 25 (+? 26) Job, 27²⁻⁶, 11, 12 + Sopbar ?, 27⁷⁻¹⁰, 13-23 Job's closing solilo- quy, 29-31	22^{17f}. 23^{8, 9} and ? parts of 24 (p. 206) 28 Poem on Wisdom 32-37 Elihu	22^{3b}, 13-16, 20, 24, 29, 30 23⁹, 15 (14) 24^{4b}, 5c, 8a, 14-18a (14a) Sw., cp. 34²⁵ 31) 25b³ (25b) 26⁵⁻¹¹, 14a, b. 27^{19b}, 21-23 28^{3b-4a}, 5-9a, 14-19, 21b, 22a, 26b- 27a. 29^{10b}, 11a (10a, b); Sw. 10a = 11 11a) 13a, 19, 20, 24b, 25 30^{1c}, 2, 3, 4a (?), 7a, 11b-13a, 16a, 18b, 20b, 27. 31¹⁻⁴, 18, 20b, 24a, 27a, 35a. 32^{4b}, 5, 11b (11c), 12, 15, 16 (17 ?). 33^{8a}, 19b, 20b, 28, 29, 31b-33. 34³, 4, 6b, 7, 11b, 18b, 23a, 25b, 28-33. 35^{7b-10a}, 12a, 15, 16, 36^{5b}, 6, 7 (6a, 7b, c; 6b, 7a 15 = 15b, 17a Cr.) 8-11, 12, 16, 20, 21b, 22a. 36^{24b}, 25a, 26, 27b, 28a, 29-33. 37^{1-5a}, 6b, 7a, 10a, 11a-12c, 18, 18, 21b (c). 38²⁶, 27, 32 39^{1a}, 3b-4, 6b, 8. 39¹³⁻¹⁸, 28, 29b, 31 (40¹). 40¹⁸ (23)b, 19 (20), 21 (26)a. 41³ (12), 7 (16)a, 8 (17), 14 (23)b, 17 (26)b, 20 (29)a, 23 (32)b. 42^{8d}, 16c, 17.
4. Yahweh 38¹-40² except Job, 40²⁻⁵ 42², 3c, d, 5, 6	39¹⁷ 40⁶⁻⁴¹ 34 (26)	
5. Epilogue, 42⁷⁻¹⁷		

V. THE PURPOSE AND METHOD OF THE WRITER.

§ 32. If we are right in concluding that a single writer is responsible for the Prologue, the speeches of Job, of his three friends and of Yahweh (apart from the passages indicated in the preceding table as possible additions), and the Epilogue, what was the purpose of this writer, and what are the distinctive features of his thought and outlook on life which he reveals in his work?

It would no doubt be as inadequate a description of Job, as, for example, of *Paradise Lost*, to call it merely a didactic poem; it would be even further from the truth to regard it as a purely objective dramatic poem in which the author maintains an interested but quite impartial attitude towards the various characters which are introduced and the various points of view which are expressed by them. On the other hand, the author obviously ranges himself with Yahweh in approving Job as against his friends; as passionately as Job he rejects the interpretation of life maintained by the friends, and as decisively as Yahweh the estimate of human character (so closely associated with the friends' outlook on life) that is offered by the Satan. The writer's purpose is never so directly formulated as Milton's—to

assert Eternal Providence

And justify the ways of God to men;

nor is it coextensive with it; but it is akin, and not really concealed, and the differences of opinion which have prevailed with regard to the purpose of the book have been due to seeking from the author more than he was able or intended to offer. He had no clear-cut theology, like Milton's, enabling him to say why God acted as He did and thus positively to justify His ways; but through pain and trial he had discovered in his own experience that God did not abandon the sufferer, and therefore he was able to assert that God did not send sufferings on men merely for the reasons commonly assigned, and that it was not necessarily or always true that as an individual suffered so he had sinned; and thus, if he could not positively justify God, he could at least vindicate Him against the ways attributed to Him by the current opinion of his time, represented in the poem by the friends. There was also another side to his experience: he had discovered not only that God did not abandon the sufferer, but also that suffering and loss had not detached him from God, that it was possible to serve and love God not for the outward things He gave, but for what He was in Himself. The book aims not at solving the entire problem of suffering, but at vindicating God and the latent worth of human nature against certain conclusions drawn from a partial observation of life.

§ 33. The book opens with the presentation of a perfect character: Job is so described in the first words of the narrative (1¹), and the truth of the description is endorsed by Yahweh (1⁸ 2³); the kind of life and character thus described in general terms is indicated in detail elsewhere in the book (cp. especially c. 31: also, *e.g.*, 4³⁶; and see n. on 1¹). But the Satan disputes the inherent worth of this character: Job, he insinuates, had lived as he had, not simply with the result (1¹ n.) that he had become outwardly prosperous, but in order that he might prosper; he had served God not for God's sake, but to obtain the handsome price of such service: human nature is incapable of pure devotion to God, human conduct is not disinterested; if the payment for it ceases, or becomes uncertain, man's service of God will cease, man will no longer address God reverentially, or affectionately, but blasphemingly; where love and trust had seemed to be while such qualities received their price, there hate and contempt will certainly be when the price is withdrawn. Such is the issue between Yahweh and the Satan, Yahweh upholding, the Satan calling in question, the integrity, the sincerity, the disinterestedness of Job. Such also had been the issue in the mind of the writer who wrote the speeches that follow the opening narrative; he had faced the same problem of life as Plato in the *Republic* (Bk. ii.); he had realized that the really perfect man must be prepared to prove his perfectness by maintaining it even when there befell him calamity such as would have seemed the meet sequel to wickedness, and such as actually had the effect on the ordinary judgement of men of making him seem to have been wicked though actually he had been good. The very friends of Job, held by the dogma that a man of broken fortunes cannot have been "*integer vitae scelerisque purus*," infer from Job's calamities that he must have been wicked, though his own conscience and God's unerring judgement assert that the life on which these calamities descended had been free from blame.

§ 34. Within the Prologue the issue is decided against the Satan: when the Satan sneeringly says to God, Take away all the wealth Thou hast given Job, then go and see him, and he

will curse Thee, he is obviously contemplating the *immediate* result of deprivation on Job; for when in the second scene in heaven he is challenged by Yahweh to admit that Job's conduct and temper under loss have proved the Satan's estimate of him wrong, he does not plead that the experiment has not had long enough to work, but claims that it is merely necessary to withdraw health as well as wealth, and Job will at once cease blessing and curse. The Satan's estimate is based on weaker characters, exemplified by Job's wife, who would have Job do what the Satan had counted on his doing; but Job himself rejects the advice of his wife in words which are tantamount to saying: to curse God now would be to prove that I have served and blessed Him hitherto not for what He is, but for the good-fortune which for so long He gave me; now that ill-fortune has befallen me I can show that I serve Him for what He is. Thus Job left at last only with bare life, without which he could be no subject of testing, and his character which had been called in question, but which he had maintained intact under the last test that the Satan could suggest, by these words proves his disinterested attachment to Yahweh, that he had not served Him for what He gave, and thus finally and completely puts the Satan in the wrong, and that so obviously that it is unreasonable, as some have done, to complain that the writer has not depicted Yahweh pressing home the Satan's discomfiture, whether by a third scene in heaven, or in the Epilogue.

Job by his attitude in the Prologue has, unknown to himself, vindicated Yahweh's against the Satan's estimate of his character; but the result of the Satan's experiments, the origin and purpose of which remain unknown on earth, is to expose Job's character to attack from another quarter. The Satan in heaven disputes the integrity of Job's character, because prosperity had necessarily left it untested: when his prosperity forsakes Job, his friends on earth dispute his integrity on the ground that he must have sinned because he no longer prospers. Thus the Prologue opens up the question of the relation of loss and suffering to sin: with this question the Dialogue is concerned, and necessarily (for it is a crucial instance for the theory at

issue) interwoven with the discussion of it is the attack on and defence of Job's integrity.

§ 35. Between Job's rebuke of his wife with its implicit assertion of his own resignation and the opening of the Dialogue some weeks intervene: in the interval Job's experience has raised questions in his own mind: why is he, why are men born to suffer? The ready answer of his old faith would have been: men are not born to suffer; they only suffer if they sin; but his experience has proved this false in his own case, and, as he is now ready to believe, it would also be false in the case of countless others, but to the bitter question he now finds no answer. Thus he goes into the following debate convinced that the solution there repeatedly put forward is false, but with no other theory to oppose to it. To these questionings of Job his three friends, who being no fair weather friends had come to him on hearing of his calamities, had listened: they had brought with them the same old faith as Job's, but not the direct personal experience which had proved to Job its inadequacy. In all friendliness they would recall Job to the faith, and lead him to the course which that faith indicated—humble acceptance of the discipline of suffering, confession and abandonment of the sin which had brought his suffering upon him, and return to God. Job cannot accept such advice, for in doing so he would be false to his conviction of his integrity. The nature of the Dialogue—so different from those of Plato—is thus determined by the nature of the difference in character of what the two parties—for the three friends constitute a single party—stand for: the friends maintain a theory, Job defends a fact—the reality and truth of his conviction of innocence. The Dialogue, therefore, is not directed towards reaching a correct or more adequate theory, but towards emphasizing the certainty of the fact and the consequent falseness of the prevailing theory. So far, indeed, is Job from opposing a different *theory* to the theory of the friends that his own outlook, and his own interpretation of what has happened, is still largely governed by the theory which he also had once unquestioningly held; and which is still the only *positive theory* to hold the field till driven from it by the vindication of the truth of Job's conviction, which proves

the theory false. Because he has no other theory of suffering than that of the friends, he can imagine no other *just* cause for his own sufferings than sin on his part; since, then, as he knows directly and for certain that such just cause does not exist, he *infers* that his suffering has been unjustly inflicted, that God—the God at least of his own old and the friends' still cherished theory—is unjustly causing his suffering, has changed without good cause from being his friend into his enemy. In the early days of his loss, Job was conscious only of his own unchanged attitude towards God; as time gives opportunity for reflection, and more especially as the friends press home the inference, inevitable under the theory, that because Job greatly suffers he must have greatly sinned, Job awakes to another aspect of his strange fortunes; loss gives him the opportunity of proving his willingness to receive from God ill-fortune no less than good fortune; of remaining, when rewards fail, for His own sake, the servant, the friend of God; but loss at the same time, if the friends and their theory are right, is God's unambiguous assertion that He has rejected Job and become his enemy. This is Job's severest trial of all—a trial the Satan failed to think of; and under the stress of it Job says much that doubtless needs correction, and yet nothing that corresponds to anything the Satan can have meant by "cursing God to His face," nothing that reflects back upon Job's previous character in such a way as to indicate that it lacked the wholeness which Yahweh claimed for it and the Satan denied. Job nowhere regrets his previous service of God, and never demands the restoration of the previous rewards; what he does seek is God Himself, God unchanged, still his friend—on his side, unestranged from him, and not, as the theory assures him He has now become, his enemy; and what he seeks he never really and permanently despairs of finding; against God, seeming by the calamities He sends to take away his character, he appeals to God to vindicate it (16¹⁸⁻²¹ n. 17³), and rises to certainty that He will do so, if not this side death, then beyond (19²⁷); but it is only for this vindication, for the realization that God really remains his friend, not for the restoration of good fortune, that Job contemplates the intervention of God on his behalf.

§ 36. It is unnecessary to review in detail here all the speeches of the friends and Job's replies to them: they cover the same ground again and again. So far as the friends are concerned it is of the very essence of the writer's purpose that they should one and all say essentially the same thing: they are not introduced to represent many existing theories; but the three of them, expounding the same theory, represent that as the unchallenged judgement of ancient and still current opinion. All the variety that is thus possible in the friends' speeches is variety of expression, the formulation of different aspects of the same theory, or different proofs of it, such as the divine origin of it (4^{12ff.} Eliphaz), its antiquity (8^{5f.} Bildad, 15^{1st.} Eliphaz, 20⁴ Šophar), the impossibility, due to man's ignorance, of successfully disputing it (11^{5ff.} Šophar), or of such subsidiary theories as had been called in to help it out. Of these a word or two may be said here. Briefly, the theory itself is that the righteous prosper, the unrighteous come to grief, and conversely that suffering implies sin in the individual sufferer, and prosperity the righteousness of the prosperous. But the facts of life at any time too obviously challenge this simplest form of theory; and these had already led to certain additional details which accordingly are not represented as elicited by the debate, but are many of them already expressed or implied in the very first speech of Eliphaz. Such details are the suggestions that all men are impure and sinful to some extent, and that therefore suffering is to some extent due to all; that righteous individuals might suffer to some extent and for a time, and unrighteous individuals might similarly prosper, but that the unrighteous did and the righteous did not come to an untimely end (*e.g.* 4⁷ 8¹⁶⁻¹⁹); that the wicked, even when seeming to be prosperous, were haunted by terror of the coming calamity that was their due (15^{20ff.}). Again—and here there persists the influence of that strong sense of the solidarity of the family or clan, with its relative indifference to the individual, that preceded the increased value set on the individual, which is the presupposition of the book of Job—it is urged that even if an unrighteous man lives out a long prosperous life, his children pay the penalty for it (5⁴

20¹⁰). Or again it is conceded, especially by Eliphaz in his first speech (5^{17ff.}: so also Elihu, *passim*), that suffering need not be mere penalty, but may have as its end the conviction and removal of sin, the purification of character; in other words, that suffering is not only penal, but may also be disciplinary. But with all the admissions and concessions that the current theory allows them to make, the friends in the development of the debate clearly make plain that the substance of the theory is that God distributes suffering and prosperity to the unrighteous and righteous respectively, and that in proportion to their righteousness or unrighteousness. Accordingly Eliphaz, who in his first speech introduces the subject of disciplinary suffering (arguing that since no man is free from sin, all men must suffer, but that if they rightly accept suffering due to essential human infirmity, they will ultimately prosper, whereas if they prove obstinate and greatly suffer they must greatly have sinned) in his second speech¹ expresses his conviction that Job must be a peculiarly heinous sinner (15¹⁴⁻¹⁶), and in his third speech invents charges against him of certain specific sins of great enormity (22⁵⁻⁹), thus lying on behalf of his theory of God. Bildad and Šophar by dwelling in their second speeches (and Šophar also in his third, if this survives in 27) almost exclusively on the fate of the wicked—depicted often in colours borrowed from Job's experience—indirectly convey the same judgement that Eliphaz expresses directly.

§ 37. In his replies to the friends, Job insists on his integrity—the fact by which their theory is shattered, their advice rendered nugatory. He agrees with them as to the might of God, and as to the frailty of human nature, carrying with it proneness to sin and yielding to temptation in *all* men, himself included; that *all* should suffer raises a question (3²⁰), which, however, perplexing as it is, would be relatively intelligible and endurable; but while all men sin, men differ widely in the extent to which they sin, and yet it is those who like himself are relatively free from sin and within the limitations of human frailty perfect who suffer—not invariably, but often; and it is

¹ Cp. in Šophar's very first speech, 11^{6c}; but the line is probably not original.

the wicked who prosper—not again invariably, but often, so that it may be said that God sends suffering indifferently on the perfect and the wicked (9²²⁻²⁴). If, then, suffering is always punishment, God is an unjust judge, inflicting punishment where it is not due, and failing to secure its infliction where it is due. Nor again will the plea of the friends do, that Job's sufferings are sent in kindness by God to deflect him from his wicked way, and so even yet secure an end of life richer and more amply blessed than even his earlier life had been: Job has no wicked way to be deflected from, as his own conscience attests and God Himself—though this, of course, is unknown to Job and the friends—has insisted. Starting from the same point—that all suffering is penal—Job and the friends thus reach different conclusions—he, with eyes opened to the facts of life but himself not yet rid of the theory, concluding that God is unjust (9^{15ff.} 19⁶) though mighty (9^{2ff.} 12¹³⁻²⁵), not only letting Job suffer, but letting the wicked enjoy life to the full and to the end (c. 21), they, distorting or blind to facts, that God is both mighty and just. This is a sufficiently clear-cut difference. But Job is also at issue with himself. The old *theory* leads inevitably to the conclusion that God is unjust, but the old *experience* of God still prompts him to trust God as being good as well as mighty. So long as the theory dominates him, he can only wish and pray that this mighty unjust God would leave him alone, cease to think it worth His while to continue to torment him (7¹⁷⁻²¹ 10²⁰ 19²²); but when the old experience of God (20^{2ff.}) reasserts its influence, what he longs for is that God should again speak to him, recognize him (14¹⁵), yearn for him (7^{21d}), admit his innocence and even vindicate it against (16¹⁸⁻¹⁷ 19²⁵⁻²⁷) His own charges, made in the language of misfortune, that he has sinned, and so far from being perfect is one of the most imperfect and wicked of men.

§ 38. The double issue—that of Job with the friends, and that of Job with himself—should be determined when God intervenes; and if we have rightly analysed these issues, in the speeches of Yahweh—less directly, perhaps, than we might at first expect—and in the Epilogue, these issues are determined. Certainly the speech of Yahweh does not contain what

Job had not demanded, a positive theory of the meaning or purpose of suffering—and doubtless for the very good reason that the author himself had no such theory; had he had, he would probably have represented Job discovering this theory through suffering, and God at last approving Job's theory as against that of the friends; as it is, he is content to make clear the truth of Job's and the falseness of the friends' assertion as to the fact of Job's integrity. What Job had demanded was that God should formulate the charges of sin for which his sufferings had been sent; and to this God replies in the only possible way (cp. 1⁸) by formulating no such charge. The speech of Yahweh contains a charge, it is true; but it is a charge of a different kind; and the Epilogue in the most direct terms pronounces Job in the right and the friends in the wrong. Are the speech with its charge and the Epilogue with its vindication at variance with one another? In particular, does the speech condemn where the Epilogue acquits Job? There certainly is a difference of judgement; but is it on the same issue? When, in the opening words of His speech, Yahweh asks: Who is this that darkeneth the purpose (of God) with words spoken without knowledge, He is certainly under the form of a question definitely charging Job with having spoken ignorantly and misleadingly about God, and this Job in his response admits (42³). On the other hand, in the Epilogue Yahweh directly asserts that Job has said what was right, and the friends what was wrong about God. Is the one a condemnation, the other an acquittal *on the same charge*? In attempting a reply to this question, it is necessary to take into account the speech of Yahweh as a whole, and to observe what it does not contain as well as what it does. What the speech does not contain is singularly important; for its silence is a tacit repetition of the judgement challenged by the Satan in the Prologue, an anticipation of the vindication of Job against the friends expressed in the Epilogue, and a justification of one of Job's two thoughts of God against the other. The speech in no way goes back on Yahweh's judgement in the Prologue; it does not in the slightest degree admit the justice of the Satan's impugment of the inner springs, or the friends' impugment of the outward

elements of Job's conduct before his sufferings came upon him : it does not, as Job had at times feared, show God, when He appears, unjustly treating him as and pronouncing him guilty of sins such as could account for his sufferings. Thus the speech tacitly confirms the voice of Job's conscience, that his life had been free from blame. The condemnation implied in the opening and closing words (38² 40²) of the speech is of Job's criticism of God's ways, not as they actually were, but as they would have been if the theory of suffering being always and merely penal were true ; in other words, it is a condemnation of something that had taken place *after* the calamity had befallen Job, of something consequently that was not the cause of that suffering. It is at the same time a condemnation of the theory persistently maintained by the friends and only half abandoned by Job himself ; for that theory implied a claim to an extent of acquaintance with God's ways which it is the purpose of the speech to show that man did not possess. For the rest, the speech is directed towards illustrating the marvellous range of Yahweh's activities, the innumerable elements, inexplicable by man, in His ways. In certain respects this may seem irrelevant : Job no less than the friends had acknowledged that God's ways were past finding out ; but Job in charging God with injustice had made use of the old theory that implicitly laid claim to a complete knowledge of God's ways with men ; Job's acknowledgment of fault (42³⁻⁶) is accordingly limited to the confession that he had spoken beyond his knowledge.

§ 39. But the speech of Yahweh accompanies an appearance or direct manifestation of Yahweh to Job, and in this respect is the direct response of Yahweh to Job's deepest desire : Job has at last found Yahweh ; and, in spite of the rebuke of his words beyond knowledge, he has found Yahweh on his side, no more estranged from him than in the days of his former prosperity, but more intimately known ; as compared with his former, his present knowledge is as sight to hearing, as direct, first hand personal to second hand and traditional knowledge. So far from his earlier sense of God's friendship having been shown by his sufferings to be a delusion, its reality has been vindicated,

and by God's response to his appeal his communion with God has been intensified.

So we may relate the speech and the accompanying manifestation of God to the purpose of the book; but inasmuch as that speech had to condemn the theory without putting another in its place and to criticize Job for continuing to make use of it, even when his own experience was showing that it had broken down, for the sake of clearness at least it was essential that the book should close with an unequivocal reassertion of what God had asserted in the Prologue, and the Satan there and the friends in the Debate had denied—the integrity of the man on whom the great sufferings had fallen. This is reasserted in two ways, both of which leave nothing lacking in the explicitness of the assertion. In the first place, Yahweh in the Epilogue directly pronounces Job to have been in the right, the friends to have been in the wrong; but there is one remarkable aspect of Yahweh's words: what He says is that Job has spoken truly and the friends falsely *about Him*: in this there is, so far as the judgement on Job is concerned, an apparent divergence from the condemnatory questions in 38² 40²; but in God's speech to Job there was no reference to what the friends had said of Him; and it is this that stands first in the Epilogue and carries with it the judgement on Job's words, which if it stood alone unlimited by the context would perhaps be irreconcilable with 38² 40². It is true, Yahweh might have said expressly that the friends falsely deny, and Job rightly asserts his innocence; but this in itself would only indirectly have indicated the falseness of the friends' *theory of God* in relation to human suffering, which it is, as we have seen, a main purpose of the writer to assert; he has therefore preferred to present Yahweh's judgement on Job and the friends in a form of words which directly asserts that the friends have spoken wrongly about God, and that in the point where they have been wrong Job has been right; in inventing charges against Job they have told lies to maintain their theory of God; in repudiating these charges and denying that his calamities are God's accusation of wickedness in him, Job has spoken right.

§ 40. Not only does Yahweh thus expressly assert Job's

integrity of character, He also marks it by renewed and increased outward tokens of His favour. This aspect of the Epilogue has often been judged unworthy of the author of the poem, and really inconsistent with his purpose of maintaining the possible disinterestedness of human conduct, and a virtual giving of the case away to the friends on the ground that Job's fate illustrates afresh the formula that the righteous can only suffer for their sins for a time and must ultimately prosper. But the two points are not quite rightly taken. If the double prosperity of Job's latter days had been the price he demanded for continued service of God, the objection would hold; but it was not: and what Job had demanded was something very different—the vindication of his character. Again the restoration to fortune falls not after any confession on the part of Job of sins which had caused his sufferings, as Eliphaz had led him to expect that it might, but immediately after the judgement of God that Job the sufferer has far surpassed the friends who had not suffered, in righteousness. Job's character being directly vindicated, his disinterestedness established, there was no reason why the story should end with the sufferings inflicted for a particular purpose made perpetual after the purpose had been achieved.

The removal of the speech of Yahweh, if the Epilogue remained, would leave the vindication of Job and the consequent condemnation of the theory of the friends unobscured, not to say clearer than it is; and since the speech contains no positive theory of suffering, no counter theory to that of the friends, it has to some appeared alien to the original work. Yet the omission of the speech would leave Job without that direct manifestation and speech to him of God which he had desired, and unanswered except by the restoration of his fortunes, which he had not desired; God would still speak at the end of the debate, but—in condemnation, it is true—to Eliphaz only! Towards Job he would then remain silent to the end. If, then, the speech can be related in some such way as has been attempted above to the rest of the book, it is certainly safest to retain it; for (§ 30) there are no independent reasons of style, etc., for regarding the chapters as secondary. Had an inter-

polator felt called upon to compose a speech, it is only too probable that he would, like the author of Elihu, have dwelt more clearly and directly upon Job's blameworthiness. On the other hand, it is difficult to see what kind of speech, creating fewer difficulties or giving greater satisfaction, could have been composed by a writer who like the original author (1) intended to insist that Job had not suffered for sins he had committed, and that the theory which necessitated the inference that he had, was therefore false; and (2) had yet no positive theory of suffering to propound, and was rather, perhaps, inclined to deprecate the formation of fresh theories, lest, resting as they must upon inadequate knowledge, they too should have practical results as terrible as his own experience had shown flowed from the current theory. For these reasons, while still sensible of certain difficulties and the necessity for some subtlety in defending the speech as an integral part of the book, I now retain it more decisively than in my *Crit. Introd. to the OT.*, pp. 119-122.

§ 41. Any judgement of the scope and purpose of the book is much more affected by the question of the integrity of the speech(es) of Elihu. Reasons which have appeared and are likely to appear to many sufficient to show that this part of the book is an addition to the original poem, and consequently must not be used in determining the purpose of the author of the original work, have already been given (§ 22 ff.); and these reasons are enforced rather than weakened by the attempts that have been made to find here the original author's solution of the problem of the book.

The ablest and most elaborate of these attempts is Bu.'s, which is thus described and criticized by Dr. LOT⁹ 430 f. :—"A different view of the scope of the book is taken by those who—as Schlottmann, Hengst., Riehm (*Einl.* ii. 263 f., 278 f.), and especially Budde—acknowledge the Elihu-speeches as an original part of the poem. These writers consider that what was indicated above as a collateral aim of the book, viz., the doctrine of the *disciplinary* or *purifying* value of suffering, is in reality its main aim—or, at least (Riehm), its main positive aim. Thus Budde (*Comm.* p. xxx (2 xl) ff. etc.) observes that Job, though righteous before the visit of his friends, in defending his righteousness against their silent reproaches (2¹³) and (c. 4-5, etc.) open attacks, fell into sin: *spiritual pride*, a sin subtler even than the selfishness of his piety, which was what the

tempter suspected, was latent in his nature from the first (cp. Riehm, p. 263): and the object of the suffering sent upon him was to bring this hidden sin to his consciousness, to lead him to confess it, as he does in 42²⁻⁵, and so to purify and confirm his spiritual nature. . . . The original folk-tale [§ 7] of Job, in which the question was, *Is Egoism the root of piety? Is there such a thing as disinterested piety?* . . . the poet adopted as the framework for his thoughts. With him, however, the question becomes a deeper and broader one, *Can the righteous suffer? and if so, why?* and the trial of Job's righteousness (which is the theme of the Prologue) becomes the purification of his character and the confirmation of his faith. . . . Consistently with this view of the general scope of the book, the same writers consider not only that the Elihu-speeches are the work of the original author, but that they present his own solution of the problem. And so Budde remarks (² pp. xlv ff., 223) that Eliphaz (c. 4-5) explains suffering only as a punishment of *actual* sin: Job takes the same view of it; Elihu, on the contrary, explains it as designed to make man conscious of *latent* sin, and thereby to enable him to repent and overcome it. Budde defends his theory of the book with marked skill and ability; but it may be doubted whether a doctrine which, however true and profound in the abstract, is so little developed by the poet himself, can have formed the main idea of his work. The doctrine of the disciplinary function of suffering is very subordinate in the book; even in Elihu it does not stand out with the clearness and directness that would be expected, if the poet were there presenting his own solution of the problem. Nor, though it is true that Elihu sees in suffering a purpose of grace, is it at all clear that he views it as sent only (or even chiefly) for the correction of *latent* sin: and pride is alluded to by him only in 33¹⁷ 36⁹. It may be added that the text and meaning of 33¹⁷ is not quite certain (see n. there), and that the term in 36⁹ (יַנְבֵּר) implies anything but subtle spiritual pride: it refers, as the context also shows (vv. 10-12), to proud, defiant, opposition to God's will and refusal to serve Him—the very opposite of Job's blameless and God-fearing life. There would, too, be something humorous in Elihu, who certainly suffers from no excess of humility, rebuking Job for spiritual pride. See, further, on 33⁸⁻¹³ (p. 285) 34⁷.

Of the very extensive literature, in addition to commentaries, introductions to the OT., and articles in Bible Dictionaries on the purpose of the book, the following may be mentioned: Bernstein (as cited in § 28 n.); Seinecke, *Der Grundgedanke des B. Ijob* (1863); Godet, *Études Bibliques* (1873); E. T. (1875); Proude, *Short Studies on Great Subjects* (1867), i. 266 ff.; Wellhausen, in *JDT*, 1871, 552-557; W. H. Green, *The Argument of the Book of Job unfolded* (1873); J. B. Mozley, *Essays Historical and Theological*, 1878, ii. 164-254; Giesebrecht, *Der Wendepunkt des B. H.* (1879); C. H. H. Wright, *Biblical Essays* (1886), 1-33; A. M. Fairbairn, *The City of God* (1886), 143 ff.; G. G. Bradley, *Lectures on the Book of Job* (1888); Meinhold, "Das Problems des B. H.," in *Neue Jahrb. f. deutsche Theol.* (1892), 63 ff.; J. Ley, "Das Problem in B. H. u. dessen Lösung," in *Neue Jahrb. f. Phil. u. Pädag.* (1896), 125 ff.; E. Meyer, *Gesch. d. Altertums* (1901), iii. 228-231; A. S. Peake, *The Problem of Suffering in the OT.* (1904), especially c. v.; H. W. Robinson, *The Cross of Job* (1916).

VI. THE AGE OF THE BOOK.

§ 42. As to the age of Job, opinions have differed perhaps more widely than with regard to any other book of the OT., though in recent times there is increasing agreement that while the book is certainly older than the 1st, it is scarcely older than the 5th or at all events the 6th cent. B.C.

It is often said that the book was traditionally ascribed to Moses; this is not correct, if by it is meant that such was the consistent ancient opinion. On the other hand, early Jewish was scarcely less divided than modern opinion. In the well-known passage in the Babylonian Talmud (*Baba Bathra*, 14b, 15a) on the origin of the books of the OT. it is stated that "Moses wrote his own book, and the passages about Balaam and Job"; but in the discussion that follows various Rabbis ascribe the book (or the lifetime) of Job to the age of Isaac, or Jacob, or Joseph, or the spies, or the Judges, or of the kingdom of Sheba, or of the return from the Captivity, or of Ahasuerus.

The passage is translated in full in Ryle, *Canon of the OT.* 273 ff. The various opinions rest on a very crude form of criticism; e.g. the similarity of *וַיַּע* Job 1¹ and *וַיַּע* Nu. 13²⁰; the use of *יָמָא* in Job 19²³ and Ex. 33¹⁶; the supposition that Job was married to Dinah, Jacob's daughter, since in connection with both Dinah and Job's wife the term *אִשְׁתּוֹ* is used or implied (Job 2¹⁰, Gn. 34⁷).

§ 43. External evidence clearly defines c. 100 B.C. as the downward limit of date; and by then the book already contained the speech(es) of Elihu, and had been translated into Greek.

The evidence consists of a passage extracted by Eus. (*Præp. Ev.* ix. 25) from Alexander Polyhistor (80-40 B.C.), who in turn cites from Aristeas; Aristeas having summarized the story in the Prologue runs much more summarily over the rest of the story; in Polyhistor's words: *'Αριστάτας δὲ φησιν ἐν τῷ περὶ Ἰουδαίων . . . φαύλως δὲ αὐτοῦ (sc. Ἰωβ) διακειμένου ἐλθεῖν εἰς ἐπίσκεψιν Ἐλιφάν τὸν Θαιμανιτῶν βασιλέα καὶ Βαλδαδ τῶν Σαυχαίων τύραννον καὶ Σωφάρ τὸν Μανναίων βασιλέα, ἐλθεῖν δὲ καὶ Ἐλιὸν τὸν Βαραχιηλ τὸν Ζωβίτην. Παρακαλουμένον δὲ, φάναι καὶ χωρὶς παρακλήσεως ἐμμενεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ εὐσεβείᾳ καὶ τοῖς δεινοῖς. Τὸν δὲ θεὸν, ἀγασθέντα τὴν εὐψυχίαν αὐτοῦ, τῆς τε νόσου αὐτὸν ἀπυλῶσαι, καὶ πολλῶν κύριον ὑπάρξεων ποιῆσαι.*

Ben-Sirach¹ (c. 180 B.C.) refers to Job as a person mentioned in the book of Ezekiel; but this would suggest unfamiliarity rather than familiarity with the *Book* of Job, and yet the parallel passages (§ 45) prove that (unless Job was written later than Sir.) Sir. was actually familiar with the book of Job.

§ 44. We are thus thrown back on internal evidence for such determination of the upward and of such exacter determination of downward limits of date as may be possible.

(1) Since the author's imagination extends to the setting of the poem, it is a mistake to infer the age of the *writer* from the circumstances of the *hero* of the book. Broadly speaking, the age in which the writer intends us to think of Job as living, but certainly not that to which he himself belonged, is the patriarchal age, and he depicts conditions which he regarded as characteristic of that age. This is very clearly seen in the length of life assigned to Job: he lived 140 years after the restoration of his fortunes, and therefore something approaching, if not exceeding 200 in all (perhaps 210 years, 42¹⁶ n.); in other words, his years exceeded those of Abraham (175, Gn. 25⁷), Isaac (180, Gn. 35²⁸), and Jacob (147, Gn. 47²⁸), though they fell much short of those of the antediluvians. As part of this imaginative setting, not necessarily as reproducing the conditions actually prevailing in or peculiar to the author's own age, or applying to the writer's own circumstances, we may regard the description of Job's wealth in cattle and slaves (1¹, cp. Gn. 13; 26¹²⁻¹⁴ 33), his sacrificing as head of a family, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, without the assistance of a priest, his use of burnt-offerings rather than the more specific expiatory sacrifices of the later codes (1⁵ n.), the currency of the *ḵēṣītāh* (42¹¹, Gn. 33¹⁹, Jos. 24^{32†}). It is only when familiarity with conditions and customs not belonging to the patriarchal age, or at all events less characteristic of it than of later ages, is shown, that we may look for light on the writer's own age: thus in contrast to the Hebrew patriarchs, Job is apparently himself a monogamist (2^{0f}. 19¹⁷ 31¹⁰) and a

¹ 49¹⁰ הוֹכִיר אֶת אֵיבֹהֶם הַכֹּלֵל כֹּל דְּרָבִי צֶרֶךְ. In $\mathfrak{U}$ which mistranslates, and EV. which depends on $\mathfrak{U}$, the reference disappears.

member of a society in which monogamy prevails (27¹⁵ not being proof to the contrary)—a feature most characteristic of an age later than Dt. (21¹⁵⁻¹⁷) and reflected also in other Wisdom literature (cp. *EBi.* 2947); the part played by Sheba—the Sabæans—in 1¹⁵ n. 6¹⁹ can be illustrated by an inscription dating probably from about 525 B.C.; and the political vicissitudes reflected in 9²⁴ 12^{17ff.}, the unhappy social conditions suggested by 3²⁰ 7¹ 24¹², the developed judicial system implied in the phraseology of 9¹⁴⁻¹⁹ (cp. Index, s.v. Law), are scarcely those of the patriarchal but of some later age, though whether that be the age of Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, or some other, the allusions are far too general to determine. See, further, 15¹⁹ n.

This line of evidence does not by itself lead to any very precise or secure result, though some of it suggests a date not earlier than the Exile.

§ 45. (2) The book is certainly not a product of the earliest periods of Hebrew literature. It is certainly later than Ps. 8, for in 7¹⁷ the writer parodies Ps. 8⁵ (4); if, as is probable, Ps. 8 implies familiarity with P, and P was written about 500 B.C., this alone brings down the book of Job as late as the 5th cent. B.C. It is scarcely less certain that in 3³⁻¹⁰ the author of Job is dependent on Jer. 20¹⁴⁻¹⁸, though Di. (p. xxxii f.) still strongly argued for the dependence of Jer. 20¹⁴⁻¹⁸ on Job 3³⁻¹⁰.

There are many other passages in Job which have points of resemblance with passages in other books, and some of such a character as to indicate direct literary dependence on one side or other; but (1) it is generally difficult to determine on which side dependence lies; (2) some of the passages in question are of uncertain date. If the dependence lies mainly or exclusively on the side of Job, it shows very great familiarity of the author with the literature of his people, and also his great literary craftsmanship, for the phrases or figures borrowed are used by him freshly and independently; if the dependence is on the side of the other writings, the parallels show the extent of the influence of the book of Job on subsequent writers. Probably by far the greater number of cases of real literary dependence is on the part of the author of Job. Of the vast number of "parallels" that have been collected, a selection may be given, though in by no means all even of these is direct literary connection necessarily implied.

With 14 ¹¹	12 ^{24f.}	cp. Is. 19 ⁵ , 13 ^{f.}
„ 4 ³	„	Hos. 10 ¹³ , Pr. 22 ⁸
„ 5 ¹⁸	„	„ 6 ¹ , Dt. 32 ³⁹
„ 14 ¹⁷	„	„ 13 ¹² „ 32 ³⁴
„ 9 ^{8, 9}	12 ¹⁵	„ Am. 4 ¹³ 5 ⁸ 9 ⁶
„ 18 ¹⁶	„	„ 2 ⁹
„ 42 ²	„	Gn. 11 ⁶ (J)
„ 6 ^{15ff.}	„	Jer. 15 ¹⁸
„ 9 ¹⁹	„	„ 49 ¹⁹
„ 12 ⁴	„	„ 20 ^{7b} , La. 3 ¹⁴
„ 12 ⁶ 21 ⁷	13 ³	„ 12 ¹
„ 19 ²⁴	„	„ 17 ¹
„ 19 ⁷	„	„ 20 ⁸ , La. 3 ⁸
„ 3 ²³	19 ⁸	„ Is. 40 ²⁷ , La. 3 ⁷⁻⁹
„ 9 ⁸	„	„ 44 ²⁴
„ 13 ¹⁹	„	„ 50 ⁸
„ 13 ²⁸	„	„ 50 ⁹
„ 14 ²	„	„ 40 ^{6f.} , Ps. 90 ⁶
		103 ^{15f.}
„ 15 ²⁵	„	„ 59 ⁴ , Ps. 7 ¹⁵
„ 16 ¹⁰	30 ¹⁰	„ 50 ⁶
„ 16 ¹⁷	„	„ 53 ⁹
„ 26 ^{12f.}	„	„ 51 ^{9f.}
„ 42 ¹⁷	„	Gn. 35 ²⁹ (P) 25 ⁸
		(P)

With 31 ¹⁵	cp. Mal. 2 ¹⁰
„ 7 ²⁰ 16 ¹²	„ La. 3 ¹²
„ 9 ¹⁸	„ „ 3 ¹⁵
„ 16 ^{9f.}	„ „ 2 ¹⁶ 3 ⁴⁶
„ 30 ⁹	„ „ 3 ¹⁴ , 6 ³
„ 5 ^{17f.}	„ Pr. 3 ^{11f.}
„ 5 ¹⁹⁻²⁴	„ „ 3 ²³⁻²⁸
„ 12 ¹³	„ „ 8 ¹⁴
„ 15 ⁷	„ „ 8 ²⁵
„ 18 ⁷	„ „ 4 ¹²
„ 26 ¹⁰	„ „ 8 ²⁷
„ 28 ¹⁵⁻¹⁹	„ „ 3 ^{14f.} 8 ¹¹ , 19
„ 18 ^{5f.} 21 ¹⁷	„ „ 13 ⁹ 24 ²⁰
„ 26 ⁶	„ „ 15 ¹¹
„ 12 ²¹	„ Ps. 107 ⁴⁰
„ 21 ¹¹	„ „ 107 ⁴¹ 114 ^{4, 6}
„ 22 ¹⁹	„ „ 107 ⁴²
„ 6 ^{10, 25}	„ „ 119 ⁵⁰ , 103
„ 7 ¹⁹ 16 ^{20f.}	„ „ 39 ¹⁴
„ 29 ¹²	„ „ 72 ¹²
„ 1 ²¹	„ Qoh. 5 ¹⁴
„ 4 ⁷	„ Sir. 2 ¹⁰
„ 28 ²⁷	„ „ 1 ⁹
„ 31 ¹⁸	„ „ 4 ¹⁰

For further discussion of these and other parallels and conclusions (often in different directions), see J. Barth, *Beiträge zur Erklärung des Buches Hiob*, 1-17; Di. xxx.-xxxiv.; Seyring, *Die Abhängigkeit der Sprüche Salomos cc. 1-9 von Hiob* (1889); H. L. Strack, "Die Priorität d. B. H. gegenüber den Einleitungsreden z. d. Sprüchen Salomonis," in *TSK*, 1896, 609 ff.; Che. *Job and Sol.* 83-89; *The Prophecies of Isaiah*⁵, i. 228 (on parallels with the Song of Hezekiah), ii. 245 f.; Dr. *LOT*⁹ 434 f.

§ 46. (3) The theology and religious ideas of the book of Job are those of a relatively late period, though not of quite the latest period represented in the OT. The book presupposes (a) a general agreement as to the religious value of the individual independently of the community, of personality: yet also (b) a practically unchallenged conviction that the real life or personality of the individual is terminated by death; (a) is the necessary condition of the entire discussion, and (b) determines its limitation: had there been a general belief in the survival

after death of the personality with undiminished or enhanced relations with God, this must have affected the discussion by Job and the friends of the sufferings of the righteous and the prosperity of the wicked in this life. Now of these two ideas (*a*) is seen emerging against the still prevalent acceptance of the principle of solidarity at the end of the 7th cent. B.C. (Dt. 24¹⁶, Ezk. 18. 33, Jer. 31^{29f.}), and (*b*) was already discarded by at least the important circles represented by the book of Daniel (12²: cp. also the post-exilic prophecy, Is. 24-27; and see *Isaiah*, p. 399 f.), *i.e.* by about 167 B.C.¹ Consequently the book of Job is best explained as the product of a period lying between the close of the 7th and the beginning of the 2nd cent. B.C., and indeed at some distance from either of these extreme limits; considerably earlier than the 2nd cent., for even the Elihu speeches, separated probably, as the linguistic differences suggest, by a century or two from the rest of the book, say nothing of an after life; and considerably later than the 7th cent., for what there appears as a freshly gained perception is here the common possession of Job and his opponents in debate who represent the current theology of the time. Certainly the question of the sufferings of the righteous was much discussed from the close of the 7th cent. onwards, but the question is at first raised either with reference to *nations* (Hab. 1^{13f.}, Is. 40-55), or if in reference to individuals (Jer. 12¹⁻³) yet in such a way as not to suggest that it was one of general concern. Such Pss. as 37. 49 and 73, which discuss the question, are themselves of uncertain date though scarcely pre-exilic. But Mal. 2¹⁷ 3^{14, 15}, certainly written in the middle of the 5th cent. B.C., offer significant parallels to the formulation of the problem in Job.

Other ideas agree well with such a date as the 5th cent. or independently suggest it. A lofty monotheism (cp. 1⁶ n. 31²⁶⁻²⁸ n.), such as Deut.-Isaiah had *argued for*, is *presupposed* in all parts of the book; and the descriptions in Job of God's majesty and might in nature and history are not as the similar

¹ The doctrine of a future life also appears in E—*not* only in the Appendix to the book, most of which at least is later than the original version, but also in 14¹⁴: see *Exp.*, 1920 (June), 430.

description in Deut.-Is. introduced to prove that there is no room for any other but one God, but that that one God's ways are past man's comprehension. Under God are angels (5¹ 15¹⁵ 37⁸) with well-defined functions (ct. 1 K. 22), such as that of interceding for men (5¹ n. 33²³ n.) or criticizing them—the Satan. The Satan of Job appears to belong to an earlier period than Satan (without the art) of 1 Ch. 21¹ (not earlier than c. 300 B.C.), and is decisively earlier than ὁ διάβολος of Wis. 2²⁴, but is later rather than as early as or earlier than the Satan of Zec. 3 (520 B.C.): see 1⁶ n. The highly developed ethical standpoint, implicit particularly in c. 31, also points to a relatively late period.

§ 47. (4) Like the ideas, the language of the book is late, though not so late as that of some other books of the OT. (*e.g.* Eccl. Ch.). Certain linguistic features taken by themselves would point even to a period earlier rather than later than the 5th cent. B.C.: thus אֲנִי (§ 25) is relatively more frequent in Job than in Is. 40-55 (Job—excluding Elihu—אֲנִי 12, אֲנִי 20; Is. 40-55, אֲנִי 18, אֲנִי 54). Many other features point away from the latest periods—*e.g.* the use of the waw conversive (ct. Eccl.), the avoidance of װ (ct. *e.g.* Eccl.). On the other hand, there are distinct signs of lateness. Even apart from the Elihu speeches, the Aramaisms (§ 28)—decidedly more conspicuous than in Is. 40-55—are very noticeable; and so also is the use of ל as the *nota acc.*: see 5² n. 8⁸ n. 9¹¹ n. 12²³ 14²¹ 19²⁸ 21²² 23⁸—and perhaps 34³ (Elihu). The rarer forms of particles and pronominal suffixes (§ 26), which form a striking feature of the language of Job, might be largely explained as the idiosyncrasy of a writer of any period, but as a whole (cp. *Isaiah*, p. 467) point rather to a relatively late period. The vocabulary contains very much that is peculiar (see Index II.) to the book, including a number of words explicable only from the Arabic,¹ and sometimes termed, with questionable propriety, Arabisms; but this does not, at all events directly, contribute anything to the determination of the date.

Thus the various lines of evidence converge towards the conclusion that Job was most probably written in the 5th cent.

¹ See references under "Arabic" in Index I.

B.C.; since much of the evidence taken in isolation is neither rigorous nor indicative of such narrow limits as a century, the possibility of a somewhat earlier or a somewhat later date may be entertained as alternatives; but several lines of evidence are very unfavourable to any theory of much earlier or much later date.

VII. THE TEXT.

§ 48. As in other books of the OT., so in Job variants that materially affect the sense, whether between existing MSS of $\mathfrak{H}$ or between the Qrê and K^ethib, are not numerous; but $\mathfrak{G}$ here, as elsewhere, points to the existence of now lost MSS that differed more extensively. Unfortunately the determination of the Hebrew text lying behind $\mathfrak{G}$ is rendered peculiarly difficult in Job by the fact that the version is often free and paraphrastic;¹ and the use of $\mathfrak{G}$ for determining the original text of $\mathfrak{H}$ is greatly limited by the fact that much of that text was not rendered at all.

Printed editions of $\mathfrak{G}$ (including Swete's), following the great mass of Greek MSS, it is true, present a text not differing greatly in extent from $\mathfrak{H}$; but this text, as we know from the most direct and certain evidence,² has resulted from the addition to the short ancient version of Job, dating from before, but not necessarily long before, 80 B.C.,³ of renderings of many passages not contained in that version from later Greek versions, chiefly Θ , very much more rarely 'A, Σ (2nd cent. A.D.). These additions to the original text of $\mathfrak{G}$ were made by Origen in the Hexapla, but were there distinguished by the use of diacritical marks; subsequently the Hexaplaric text drove out the much shorter text, and, further, the diacritical marks were

¹ Many illustrations of this will be found in the phil. nn. (e.g. on 8¹⁹ 9¹³ 14¹⁴ 15²³ 17¹ 20¹⁵ 29¹⁸ 30¹³ 14 32¹⁴ 36¹⁹). See also Bi. *De Indole vers. Alex. Jobi*, 1862.

² Origen, *Ad African.* 4. Cp. Jer. *Præf. in Hiob.*

³ Aristes (c. 80 B.C.) made use of the version (cp. § 43). On this and the date of $\mathfrak{G}$, see Swete, *OT. in Greek*, 25, 370f.; Schürer, *Gesch. d. jüd. Volkes*³, 311, 356f.; J. Freudenthal, *Hellenistische Studien*, 136ff. Grätz in the *Monatsschrift*, 1877, p. 83ff. (cp. *Exp.*, June 1920, p. 430) argued unconvincingly that $\mathfrak{G}$ was no older than the middle of the first cent. A.D.

commonly omitted, surviving only in two Greek minuscules,¹ in two Latin MSS,² and in the unique MS of $\mathfrak{S}^H$.³ These five MSS⁴ differ in some places as to the positions of the marks, and so leave a certain amount of doubt as to the exact extent of the additions made by Origen.

A witness of another kind to the original extent of $\mathfrak{C}$ appeared with the discovery of $\mathfrak{B}$ —the Sahidic version of $\mathfrak{C}$.⁵ Ciasca, who edited this, argued that $\mathfrak{B}$ was a pre-Hexaplaric version of $\mathfrak{C}$, and his view was commonly accepted. Burkitt, on the other hand (*EBi*. 5027 f.), argues that $\mathfrak{B}$ is “a translation of Origen’s revised text *with the passages under asterisk omitted*”; in this case $\mathfrak{B}$ is still a valuable witness, though its evidence is now in reality early evidence as to the use of the Hexaplaric marks. Be the exact relation of $\mathfrak{B}$ to the Hexaplaric text what it may, from it the passages asterisked in the MSS of $\mathfrak{C}$, $\mathfrak{L}$, and $\mathfrak{S}^H$ are, broadly speaking,⁶ absent, and

¹ HP 248 (= Cod. Vaticanus, 346, c. xiv. sæc.) and the Cod. Colbertinus (Paris, nr. 1952).

² An Oxford MS (Bodleian 2426) and a Tours MS (Turonensis 18): ed. P. de Lagarde in *Mittheilungen*, ii. 193-237: cp. G. Beer in *ZATW*, 1896, 297-314; 1897, 97-122; 1898, 257-286.

³ Published in facsimile by A. M. Ceriani, *Codex Syro-hexaplaris Ambrosianus*, Milan, 1874.

⁴ The evidence of these together with the fragments of $\Theta\Sigma$ 'A were collected by Field in *Origenis Hexaplorum quæ supersunt* (1875)—published before the discovery of $\mathfrak{B}$. For corrections of and additions to Field, see J. B. Pitra, *Analecta Sacra* (1883), 556 f.; E. Klostermann, *Analecta zur Septuaginta* (1895), 68-74. See also E. Tisserant in *RB*, 1912, 481-503; 1919, 89-105, 500-505, and A. Rahlfs, *Mit. d. Septuaginta-Unternehmen*, i. 7 (1915) - all on the Greek Uncial Cod. Hierosolymitanus Sanctæ Crucis, no. 36.

⁵ Edited by Ciasca in *Sacrorum Bibl. fragmenta Copto-Sahidica*, Romæ, 1889, ii. 1-68. From mutilation of MSS, cc. 39^a-40^a of this version are missing. The lower Egyptian, or Bohairic, version of $\mathfrak{C}$ was edited and translated by H. Tattam (*The ancient Coptic Version of the book of Job*, London, 1846); but this version contains the Hexaplaric additions and is of relatively little interest. An index of existing Coptic texts of Job is given by A. Vaschalde in *RB*, 1920, 95-98.

⁶ Thus the only stichoi asterisked in $\mathfrak{S}^H$ and yet present in $\mathfrak{B}$ are 9^{16b} (in $\mathfrak{B}$ before 9^{16a}) 17^{16b} 20³, 25^{6b} 27¹ 30^{32b}; and of these 25^{6b} and 27¹ (in $\mathfrak{C}$ exactly = 29¹, which is not asterisked even in $\mathfrak{S}^H$) are not asterisked in any other MSS. On the possibility of some of the remaining four passages being pre-Origenian, see p. lxxiii, n. 3.

so far as extent is concerned **℔** closely represents the pre-Origenian and presumably also the original state of **℞**. It is probable, indeed, that to a very small extent the present defect of **℔** is due to loss in the transmission of **℔** itself.¹ On the other hand, there is some reason for thinking that two passages corresponding to nothing in **℣** but found in **℔** as in all other authorities for **℞** after 2⁹ 42¹⁷, formed no part of the original text of **℞**; ² and it is also possible that a very small number of entire stichoi common to **℞**, **℔**, and **℣**, are derived from or influenced by the later Greek Versions.³

§ 49. Of the existing text of **℣**, then, there appears to have been in the original text of **℞** no equivalent for (1) the passages absent from **℔** (except 1^{15b} 6^{15a} 15^{19a} 33^{15b, 16a} 37^{21b}); (2) some dozen stichoi in 39⁹-40^{8a} (lost through mutilation of the MS in

¹ Due to loss, probably in the transmission of **℔** (and if not, then in the earlier transmission of the text of **℞** rendered by **℔**) are probably the few lines absent from **℔** though not asterisked in *any* of the existing MSS containing the Hexaplaric marks: there are 1^{15b} 6^{15a} and 15^{19a} 33^{15b, 16a} 37^{21b}. In the case of 33^{15b, 16a}, homoioteleuton, as Ciasca pointed out, would easily account for the loss of the lines in Sahidic, while the rendering of **℣** by **℣** instead of **πνεῦμα** points strongly to **℞** rather than **Θ** or any of the other later versions.

² See *The Additions in the Ancient Greek Version of Job* (*Exp.*, June 1920, 422-438). The conclusions there reached were that the speech of Job's wife in 2⁹ as well as the Appendix (after 42¹⁷) formed no part of the original version: the vocabulary in 2⁹ points strongly to a different hand: note **λάτρις**, **μόχθος**, **αἶθριος**, **διανυκτερεύειν**, **πλανήτης**, **εἰς τὸ κενόν**. The minor additions of a word or a clause such as occur in 1^{1, 9, 5, 21, 22} 2¹⁰ 5^{4, 27} 7^{16, 19} 13²⁵ 15²⁸ 24⁴ 31⁹ 33²³ 38¹ 41⁵ 42^{5, 10, 11, 16} may most or all of them be original to the version.

³ From what has been said above (p. lxxii, n. 6), it is clear that the stichoi present in **℔**, which all the MSS with the Hexaplaric marks *agree* in marking as additions, do not exceed half a dozen. In one or two of these cases, style supports the suggestion of the Hexaplaric marks that the stichoi, though in **℔**, were derived from, or at least as now read influenced by, **Θ**. Thus in 17¹⁶ **χῶμα** (= **עפר**) points to **Θ**, who substitutes it for **℞**'s **πέτρα** in 14⁸, for **℞**'s **γῆ** in 19²⁵; note also in 20³ **παιδεία** (cp. **Θ** 36¹⁰ 37³; and ct. **νουθέτημα** in 5¹⁷ **℞**). It is possible **℔** in these cases rests on a text of **℞** not yet affected by **Θ**: thus in 17¹⁶ **επικλᾶς** *might* render **γῆς** (which, if the stichos actually stood in **℞**, would almost certainly have been used) just as well as the **χῶματος** of the existing text. So in 20³ **παιδεία** and perhaps also **ἀποκριθήσεται μοι** rather point to **Θ**; but **℔** might be a rendering not of these words, but of **νουθέτημα** (cp. 5¹⁷) and **δώσει μοι ἀπόκρισιν** (cp. 13²² **℞** and **℔**), which would probably have been used by **℞**.

℔), viz. 39^{13-18, 28}. (ἐπ' ἐξοχῇ πέτρας καὶ ἀποκρύφῳ)^{29b, 30} asterisked in ℔^H, and in some or all of the other MSS giving the Hexaplaric marks; (3) certain stichoi, present in ℔ but asterisked in ℔^H and (or) other MSS, such as 17¹⁶ 20³. The number of stichoi involved in (1) and (2) is between 350 and 400; to these (3) adds at most a relatively negligible quantity.¹ A list of the omissions of ℔ is given in § 31.

§ 50. Does, now, this defect of ℔ represent an earlier or later form of the text than ℔? ² Is it due—in the main at least—to the loss or disregard on the part of the translation of what previously existed? or is it due to the subsequent expansion of the Hebrew text by the addition of the matter now found in ℔, but absent from the earlier form of ℔? In considering this question these observations may be made:

(1) The main structure of the book is unaffected by the defect of ℔: in ℔ as in ℔ there are found Prologue, Dialogue, with three cycles—two complete and one incomplete—of speeches, the speeches of Elihu, the speeches of Yahweh (including the lengthy descriptions of Behemoth and Leviathan), and the Epilogue.

(2) The defect is not at all evenly distributed over the book. The following table may serve to indicate this sufficiently:

¹ A defect of 350 stichoi represents about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the whole, the total length of the existing text of ℔ being equivalent to about 2200 stichoi, and the stichoi of the conflate Greek text ranging in different MSS from 2021^A 2126^N to 2153^B. Some of the stichometries indicate a larger proportion of originally absent stichoi, giving the number of non-asterisked stichoi, *i.e.* the stichoi of the original version, as 1800, 1700, 1600, the last figure having the better authority (cp. Swete, *Introduction*, 347, 350; *PRE* viii. 101 with references). Klostermann (*ib.* 102) concludes that ℔ was originally shorter by at least a quarter than the existing text of ℔.

² The priority of ℔ was generally unchallenged till 1889, when E. Hatch, in *Essays on Biblical Greek* (vi.), argued for the priority of ℔—that, in the main ℔ represented the original extent of the book and ℔ an amplification. In favour of the priority of ℔ is also Bi. (2); cp. the English translation of Job by E. J. Dillon in *The Sceptics of the OT.*, 1895. This theory has been criticized and the priority of ℔ maintained especially by Di. (*Sitzungsberichte d. Berliner Ak.*, 1890, pp. 1345-1373), Dr. (*Contemporary Review*, Feb. 1896, p. 159 ff.), Bu.

	STICHOI ABSENT FROM $\mathfrak{C}$.	APPROXIMATE PER- CENTAGE OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF STICHOI IN $\mathfrak{H}$.
Prologue	1	
First Cycle of Speeches—		
Cc. 3-6	0	
„ 7-11	6	
„ 12-14	17-23	4
Second Cycle 15-21	59	16
Third „ 22-31	124	25
Elihu 32-37	114	35
Yahweh 38-42 ²⁶	43	16
Epilogue	3	

(3) The passages absent from $\mathfrak{C}$ are not in Hebrew distinguished from the rest by any differences of style and vocabulary, but on the other hand they are connected with them by some noticeable similarities. Thus what is absent from $\mathfrak{C}$ employs the same three terms for God—אל (7 times), אלה (3 times), שרי (2 times); and as within $\mathfrak{H}$ there is a difference in the degree of preference for אל (see above, § 24), so also is there in the passages of Elihu absent from $\mathfrak{C}$ (אל six times, אלה once). Similarly the passages absent from $\mathfrak{C}$ contain in $\mathfrak{H}$ several of the rarer particles (see above, § 26), as, *e.g.*, ואל (29¹⁹ and עלימו (27²³ 30²⁷).

(4) The removal of the passages absent from $\mathfrak{C}$ in many cases destroys the poetical structure by depriving one parallel line of its fellow, *e.g.* 10^{4a} 20^{14b} 31^{27a} 33^{sa} 34^{6b. 11b. 18b} 39^{6b}, while in few if any cases does $\mathfrak{C}$ yield good distichs where $\mathfrak{H}$ has tristichs or isolated stichoi. It is true Bi. establishes at least an appearance of a very rigid poetical structure, but this he does not by accurately reproducing $\mathfrak{C}$, but by omitting both more and less: *e.g.* in 10⁴ he omits 10^{4a} with $\mathfrak{C}$, but then also 10^{5a} without the authority of $\mathfrak{C}$, in order to obtain a distich of stors indeed, but inferior to either of the distichs in $\mathfrak{H}$.

Of the foregoing (1) is obviously quite indecisive: a book of the present length of $\mathfrak{H}$ may have been abbreviated; on the other hand, a shorter book which had already been expanded

by the addition of the speeches of Elihu might at a later date have been expanded in quite a different way by the addition of what is present in $\mathfrak{H}$, but was absent from $\mathfrak{G}$. But (2) already inclines the balance against the priority of $\mathfrak{G}$: it would have been natural for an abbreviator to shorten increasingly in the successive cycles, which in general cover much the same ground, and most of all in the speeches of Elihu, which contribute so little that is fresh. On the other hand, increasing activity on the part of an expander such as would be required to account for the distribution of the additional matter is less likely. Finally, (3) and (4) tell heavily against the priority of $\mathfrak{G}$ and in favour of $\mathfrak{H}$.

But although in the main $\mathfrak{H}$, so far as extent is concerned, represents an earlier text than $\mathfrak{G}$, some of the omissions of $\mathfrak{G}$ are of passages which there are independent reasons for suspecting not to belong to the original text of $\mathfrak{H}$: see, *e.g.*, 7⁸ 12⁹ 23⁹ with the notes. Yet it must remain uncertain whether even these passages which relatively to the whole omissions of $\mathfrak{G}$ are exceedingly few, are absent because not in $\mathfrak{G}$'s Hebrew text, or like the rest of the omissions are due to abbreviation—in these cases accidentally restoring the original text.

§ 51. In those parts of the book rendered by the early version, $\mathfrak{G}$ sometimes points to a better text than $\mathfrak{H}$, though less frequently, and on account of its paraphrastic tendency less clearly, than in some other books (*e.g.* Samuel). The other ancient versions¹ made direct from the Hebrew rarely serve, where $\mathfrak{G}$ fails, to correct $\mathfrak{H}$. Many places remain in which neither $\mathfrak{H}$ nor any text to which the versions point can be regarded as original: in these cases the original must be regained, if at all, by conjecture, and here rhythm becomes a valuable aid.

¹ On these see for $\mathfrak{S}$, A. Mandl, *Die Peschittha z. Hiob*, Leipzig, 1892; E. Stenij, *De Syriaca libri Jobi interpretatione quæ Peschîta vocatur*, Helsingfors, 1887; E. Baumann, "Die Verwendbarkeit der Pešîta z. B. Hiob für die Textkritik," in *ZATW*, 1898-1900: for $\mathfrak{T}$, W. Bacher, "Das Targum z. Hiob," in *Monatsschrift*, 1871, 208-223, 283 f.; M. Lewin, *Targum u. Midrasch zum Buche Hiob*, 1895.

VIII. THE RHYTHMS¹ OF THE BOOK OF JOB.

§ 52. The prevailing rhythmical form in the book is that of the balanced distich of two lines each containing three stresses (3 : 3); but this is only the prevailing, not the exclusive rhythm; still less do the lines necessarily consist exclusively of seven syllables (Bi.), or the distichs regularly coalesce into quatrains (Bi. Du.).

The dominance of the 3 : 3 rhythm is too obvious to call for proof here, but on the extent of departure from it—certainly in the existing and probably also in the original text—something more must be said. It follows from their rigid quatrain theory that Bi. and Du. allow no tristichs in the original text, though in what they regard as additions to the original they sometimes imagine more tristichs than exist now, or ever existed (see p. 205). In the existing text there are in all a considerable number of tristichs, or, alternatively, distichs preceded or followed by isolated stichoi;² some of these are open to more or less suspicion,³ but a number remain which there is no reason whatever, beyond the fact that they are tristichs, for questioning. Although elsewhere combined with 3 : 3 there occur as occasional variants other divisions of the full six-stress period, viz. 2 : 2 : 2 or 2 : 4 or 4 : 2; in the book of Job these variants are at most exceedingly rare: see phil. n. on 17^{1, 11}, also *A/SL* xxxvi. 95 ff. A striking example of 2 : 2 : 2 would be 9²¹, if the text is correct there.

On the other hand, of other rhythms there are examples, relatively rare, it is true, yet actually too numerous in the present text for it to be probable that none are original. Thus in the phil. n. on 17¹⁴ (p. 114) references are given to 22

¹ Cp. G. B. Gray, *The Forms of Hebrew Poetry*; and more briefly, *Isaiah*, pp. lix-lxviii, on the subject of Hebrew rhythm generally. For rhythm in Job in particular, see Bi.; J. Ley, *TSK*, 1895, 635 ff., 1897, p. 7 ff.; P. Vetter, *Die Metrik des Buches Job*, 1897; H. Grimme, *Theolog. Quartalschrift*, 1898, pp. 295 ff., 421 ff., 1899, 112 ff., 259 ff.; Sievers; Honth. 44-70. Bu.'s Comm. contains much detailed criticism of Bi.

² See 3⁴. 5. 6. 9 4¹⁶ 5⁵ 6⁴. 10 7¹¹ 8⁶ 9²⁴ 10³. 17 (2). 22 11⁶. 18f. 12³. 4. 6. 13. 27 14^{4f}. 7. 12. 13. 14. 19 15²⁸. 30 (17^{1, 11}) 18⁴ 19¹². 27. 29 20²³ 21¹⁷. 33 24⁵. 12. 13. 15. 18 (20). 24 26¹⁴ 28³. 4. 22 30⁸ 31⁷. 34 33¹⁵. 23f. 34³⁷ 37²¹. 23 38⁴¹ 39²⁵.

³ See, e.g., p. 30 on the four tristichs in 3¹⁻¹⁰.

examples of 3 : 2 (several with the echoing parallelism characteristic of this rhythm: see, *e.g.*, 8²¹ 12¹⁷ 18¹⁸ 27²¹ 29⁵ 33²² 36¹⁴ 37⁹ 38⁹ 39³), to which a few more might be added, for example, two in 7²¹. But 40²⁴ is very questionable proof that 2 : 3 was used. Of 4 : 3 a dozen examples are referred to in the same note; and of these, too (add 4^{2.10} and 29¹³), a few are likely to be original, though several are open to serious doubt on one ground or another. Even possible instances of 3 : 4 are very rare (phil. n. on 21¹⁶, p. 147: cp. 29⁶, p. 200). The examples of 4 : 4 are few: however, see 3³ 15²⁰ 22¹⁸ 27¹³ 29⁴ 34²⁹, but 15²³ 21²⁸ and 23⁹ are all doubtful (see phil. nn.). The rhythm 2 : 2, *i.e.* a single period of four stresses divided into equal parallel lines, is very rare; but 10⁶ seems a secure example of it: 19¹⁴ is much more doubtful (see phil. n.).

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I. II. The Prologue.—This consists of a prelude, 1¹⁻⁵, two scenes in heaven, 1⁶⁻¹¹ and 2¹⁻⁵, two series of consequences to Job on earth of what had been determined in heaven, 1¹³⁻²² 2⁷⁻¹⁰, and a conclusion, 2¹¹⁻¹⁵. The prelude depicts Job at the height of his prosperity, rich in children and possessions; in the conclusion, Job is seen, not for any fault in him, but for reasons revealed to the reader though concealed from the sufferer and his friends, deprived of children, possessions, and health, and thus brought to such a degree of adversity as to stupefy into silence the very friends who had come to comfort him. The writer relies on repetition rather than variation for emphasis and effect; for it is the repetitions rather than the slight variations, in so far as these latter are original, that are prominent in the account of the scenes in heaven, the descriptions of Job's character (1^{1.8} 2³), and his constancy (1²² 2¹⁰), and in the words of the messengers (1¹⁴⁻¹⁹); and yet along with this use of repetition, there is an almost more striking effect of concentration and compression. In these two brief chapters the long and peaceful earlier life of Job, and the series of tragic actions of what threatens to be its close, are alike, though briefly, yet vividly depicted with sufficient fullness for the writer's purpose, but with a severe neglect of all that is unessential.

Two things the writer intends to stand out: the character of Job and his prosperity; the one as constant, the other as passing; the one as essential, the other as accidental. The

I. ¹ There was (once) a man in the land of Ūṣ, whose name was Job. That man was perfect and upright, fearing God

wealth and the fortune of Job grow, culminate, vanish; the character of Job remains intact. Without his character Job is nothing; without his wealth he remains everything. But it is with this *constancy* of character, not the growth or formation of it, that the writer is concerned; how Job's wealth came is indicated, how it vanished is described; how his character was formed is not even indicated: but that it existed before his wealth is implied, and how it endured through prosperity and in adversity is depicted. In the interest of these two themes, the changing fortunes and the enduring character of Job, the restraint in the choice of detail and the repetitions are alike employed. A modern writer would almost certainly have depicted, even within the scope of the Prologue, character as well as fortune developing, the two in action and reaction; the ancient writer does not.

I. 1-5. The character and wealth of Job.

I. The name and country of the hero of the story are given (^a), and then immediately the writer passes to the main point—the character of Job (^b);—this was completely good, and so, on the current theory, explained his great wealth, but made his deprivation of wealth a riddle. *There was (once) a man*] cp. 2 S. 12¹, and see phil. n.—Ūṣ] One of the tribes who together made up “the children of the East” (³): the land of Ūṣ lay to the East of Palestine, but whether in the Hauran, or farther south on the confines of Edom, cannot be certainly determined (see Introduction); and it has been suggested (Bu. p. xi) that even to the writer himself it was a wide and vague term. Be this as it may, the writer had a clear idea of the *nature* of Job's country: it lay on the confines of the desert (¹⁰; cp. ^{15. 17}) to the E. of Palestine (³), yet in a district of great farms (¹⁴), and near a town (29⁷; cp. 2⁸ n.). Job was at once a great sheep-master, like Mesha of Moab (2 K. 3⁴), a great agriculturist, and a man of great influence in the town.—*Job*] strictly *ʾIyyōb*: see further, on the name, Introduction.—*That man was*] the tense is frequentative, the following tense (²)

consecutive: first the character, then, and in consequence, the children and the wealth. But the children are all grown up, and the sons at least settled in houses of their own: this character of Job is, therefore, carried far back, and throughout the long years it had habitually manifested itself. Job, like Noah before the Flood (Gn. 6⁹ P), like Abraham (Gn. 17¹ P) and Jacob (Gn. 25²⁷—JE or ? R), is complete, sound, free from defect, and, in this sense, *perfect* (*tām*, ⁸ 2³ 8²⁰ 9^{20, 21, 22} and six times † outside the book of Job; *tāmīm*, 12⁴ 36⁴ 37¹⁶, and nearly ninety times † elsewhere). A satisfactory single rendering for the adj., which will preserve in English the connection with the corresponding substantives (*tummah*, 23⁹ 27⁵ 31⁶, also Pr. 11³ †; *tōm*, 4⁶, also Pr. 2⁷, Ps. 26^{1, 11} al.), is difficult to find; EV. renders the adj. by *perfect*, the subst., excellently, by *integrity*. Used as ethical terms these nouns and adjectives describe rather generally the good as contrasted with the bad man: thus one or other of them is used combined, or in synonymous parallelism, with *ישר*, *upright* (n. or adj.), in Ps. 37³⁷ 25²¹, Pr. 2²¹ 28¹⁰ (?) 29¹⁰ (?) (cp. 1 K. 9⁴, Pr. 2⁷); with *צדק* (n., adj., or vb.), *righteous*, in 9²⁰ 12⁴, Ps. 7⁹, Gn. 6⁹, Pr. 11⁵ (cf. c. 22³ 27^{5f.}, Ps. 15²); with *אמת*, *fidelity*, *truth*, in Jg. 9^{16, 19}, Jos. 24¹⁴; with *נקה*, *to be innocent*, in Ps. 19¹⁴ (cp. Gn. 20⁶); they are used in antithesis to *מרעים*, *evil doers* in 8²⁰ (cp. Ps. 64⁵ (4) after ³ (2)); *רשע*, *wicked*, in 9^{20, 22}, Pr. 11⁵ 28¹²; *אנשי דמים*, *blood-guilty men*, in Pr. 29¹⁰; and (implicitly) *יִקְשֶׁשׁ*, *twisted*, in 9²⁰, Pr. 10⁹ 19¹, Dt. 32⁵ (after v. 4). Noticeable also is the association of being *tāmīm* with walking before God in Gn. 17¹ (cp. 6⁹); and of those whose way, or conduct, is perfect (*תמימי דרך*), with “those who walk in the law of Yahweh” (Ps. 119¹). In so far as the terms retain the special meaning suggested by the common meaning of the root alike in Hebrew and Arabic, they refer to the *completeness* of the character; in Job *tām* does not mean *perfect* in the sense of absolutely sinless, for Job, who maintains that he is *tām* (27⁵, cp. 2⁹), admits the presence in himself of the sins common to humanity (13²⁶ 14^{16f.}, cp. 14⁴, if original); but it is more than *ἄμειπτος* (Ἐ), “blameless” (RVm. in Gn. 6⁹); it implies a character that is complete, all of a piece, not, as the

and avoiding wrong. ² And so there were born to him seven sons and three daughters. ³ And his cattle came to be

Satan and after him the friends insinuate, one thing on the surface and another within; it is a character that seeks its ends openly, along the one true path, not like the *'ikkesh* trickily, by crooked and devious paths; or, in a figure used by the writer himself, the *tām*, or *perfect* man, is one whose character is full-weight: "let me be weighed in correct scales that God may recognize my integrity," i.e. that I am full weight (31⁶).—*Upright*] another of the frequently recurring ethical terms for the good man: *yāshār* etymologically describes the good man as straight, straightforward; it commonly occurs combined or in parallelism with other wide ethical terms such as *tām* (see last n.), נקי (4⁷ 17⁸), יך (8⁶), צדיק (e.g. Ps. 33¹ 140¹⁴); in 1 S. 29^{6ff.} the term expresses the idea of loyalty. As the first adj. applied to Job associates him with Noah, Abraham, and Jacob, so does the second with the Hebrew ideal of conduct as expressed in the title "the book of the upright" for the collection of early poems, and the national epithet Yeshurun (see *Numbers*, p. 347). At the same time there is nothing exclusively Jewish associated with either term; for Abimelech of Gerar acts in the integrity (*tom*) of his heart (Gn. 20⁵), and Achish of Gath and the Philistine princes set store by the quality of uprightness (1 S. 29^{6ff.}).—*Fearing God*] this, rather than the distinctively Jewish phrase *fearing Yahweh*, is chosen, and is even used in the speech of the Satan to Yahweh in v.⁹; cp. "the fear of God" (Gn. 20⁴), "the fear of the Almighty" in 6¹⁴. Corresponding to the fear of God, as the principle of conduct, is the habit of *avoiding evil* (cp. 28²⁸, Pr. 3⁷), i.e. not the abandonment of evil courses previously followed (an idea otherwise expressed at least in Is. 1¹⁰), but the resolute rejection of the opportunities to evil which life offers; so in Pr. 13¹⁹ "to avoid evil" is the antithesis to the satisfaction of (evil) desire; cp. also Is. 59¹⁵, and, though less obviously, Ps. 34¹⁵ 37²⁷. Evil is avoided by constant adherence to the path of right (Pr. 4²⁷). Job's life had offered many opportunities of wrong-doing (cp. c. 31), but he had refused to use them.

seven thousand sheep and goats, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses,

2, 3. The ideal character of Job was rewarded with ideal good fortune—many children, the majority of whom were sons (the foundation of a man's strength and security: Ps. 127^{3ff} 128), vast numbers of sheep and goats, of camels for distant journeys and transport, of asses and oxen for work in the fields, and many slaves. The addition of child to child, and the increasing multitude of his live-stock as the years passed, were recurring tokens of God's approval of Job's constant character. The recurrence of the numbers seven, three (in sum, ten), and of five and five (again, in sum, ten), symbolize the perfection of Job's wealth. Nabal, who was "a very great" (1 S. 25²) man, had 4000 sheep and goats as against 7000 assigned here to Job. And Job's possessions are not exhaustively described, for there is no direct reference to his arable land, v. 14 31³⁸⁻⁴⁰ (though the "oxen" suggest agriculture: cp. 1 K. 19¹⁹ 21, 2 S. 24^{21f}, Dt. 22¹⁰ 25⁴) or to other forms of wealth, such as gold (cp. Gn. 13²).

3. *Cattle*] The term (מקנה), though etymologically wide and applicable to possessions of all kinds, is, with one or two doubtful exceptions, such as Gn. 49³², limited in usage to possessions of cattle (see *Lex.*).—*Sheep and goats*] expressed in Hebrew by a single collective term (צאן), inadequately rendered by EV. "sheep," or sometimes, less inaccurately, "flock": so Gn. 30^{31f}, a passage which proves the extent of the term in Hebrew. A single term sufficed to cover the two classes of animals, inasmuch as the flocks generally contained both sheep and goats, as they commonly still do to-day. So Doughty (*Arabia Deserta*, ii. 234) records the contrary as exceptional: "we soon saw a great flock trooping down—and unlike all that I had seen till now, there were no goats in that nomad flock." Cp. Robinson, *Biblical Researches*, ii. 169, 180.—*She-asses*] the she-ass (cp. Gn. 32¹⁵) is more valuable than, in modern Syria costing three times as much as, the male (Wetzst. in Del.). The number of Job's male-asses is not given—an indication that his wealth even in cattle is not

and very numerous slaves. And so that man became greater than any of the sons of the East.

⁴ His sons used to go to one another's houses, and each

exhaustively stated. The terms used for sheep and goats, and for oxen, are collective, and as such include females; the masc. pl. used of the camels is applicable also to females (Gn. 32¹⁵). — *The sons of the East*] a wide term for the inhabitants of the country to the E. of Canaan; see Introduction. In some cases the nomadic tent-dwellers of the Syrian desert are intended (Jer. 49^{2st}, Ezk. 25^{4, 10}); here, and probably in 1 K. 5¹⁰ (4³⁰), the term at least includes the settled house-dwellers in (rich) agricultural country on the confines of the desert.

4. 5. A picture of Job's past life before the opening of the main story (cp. c. 29). It serves in part to illustrate Job's position: his numerous sons live an ample life in houses of their own; but its main purpose is to give an example of Job's constant fear of God. The numerous frequentative tenses (see phil. n.) indicate that it had (long) become habitual with the children to entertain one another at a series of banquets; and that it had become a habit with Job to turn aside by means of burnt-offerings any anger of God which they might at such times have aroused by unbridled act or thought.

4. A banquet (מִשְׁחָה) was so called from the prominence at such feasts or banquets of drinking (cp. Is. 25⁶ 5¹²), which led at times to excessive drunkenness (1 S. 25³⁶, Jer. 51³⁹); such banquets were given at the weaning of a child (Gn. 21⁸), a wedding (Gn 29²², Jg. 14¹⁰), a birthday (Gn. 40²⁰), sheep-shearing (1 S. 25^{2ff. 36}, 2 S. 13²⁷ Ε), and doubtless on other special occasions; but the term implies neither the ordinary meal of daily life,¹ nor the sacred meal eaten before Yahweh at the great annual festivals.² Is it meant, now, that what was exceptional with other people was constant with Job's children, that every day in the year (Ε καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν) they sat down and drank and made merry (so Da. Du. Peake)? or only that, as opportunities incident to their life, such, e.g., as

¹ So Del. here.

² So Ew. here.

on his day to give a banquet: and they used to send and call their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵ When they had completed a round of the banqueting days, Job sent

sheep-shearing, presented themselves, they made a habit of keeping a week (cp. Jg. 14^{12, 17}) of banquets, the eldest entertaining on the first day, and so on to the youngest, who would entertain on the last day of the festal week (so, in the main, Bu. Di.)? Nothing in the text very directly decides those questions, certainly not the last clause of ⁵ to which Du. appeals, for in view of the first clause of that v. *all the days* cannot in any case mean every day in the year, but simply all the days that concluded a week spent in banqueting. On the other hand, the first clause of ⁵ would read a little unnaturally, if the writer really meant that all the days of the year were banqueting days; and again a daily invitation to the sisters is less probable than an invitation sent as often as, after an interval, a banqueting week was approaching; see also on ¹³. —*On his day*] the day on which it fell to him to entertain: scarcely *his (birth-)day* (cp. 3¹), for the banqueting-days were apparently (⁵) a round of seven successive days, which the birthdays of the seven would not naturally have been.—*To call their three sisters*] the sisters may be thought of as still unmarried and in their father's house to which their brothers *send*, as in turn Job sends from his house to the houses of his sons. But the writer may as little have thought distinctly of this point as of the family affection which the invitation to the sisters suggests to some commentators, or of the easy or loose manners which Du. infers from it; or of all the brothers being unmarried (Du.); the last point, if intended, would find a very partial analogy in David's sons Amnon and Absalom each living, though unmarried, in houses of their own (2 S. 13^{7, 20}); for seven adult sons of a single mother—and Job is represented as a monogamist—to be all unmarried would be flagrantly out of keeping with the social customs of the time and country. In any case such details are immaterial to the purpose of the story; and it is wiser not to press the inferences.

and consecrated them, his habit being to rise up early in the morning, and to offer burnt-offerings for them all, one for each.

5. *Sent and consecrated them*] terse to obscurity. The consecration in question is the preparation by ritual washings and the like (cp. Gn. 35²) for participation in some sacred ritual (cp. Ex. 19^{10, 14}, Jos. 3⁵ 7¹³)—here, as is generally supposed in the ritual of the burnt-offerings on the next morning. So Samuel (1 S. 16⁵) calls on Jesse and his family to consecrate themselves, and himself consecrates them, that they may participate with him in a sacrificial meal. Some (Di. Bu. Peake) suppose that Job sends and summons or brings his children to his house, and consecrates them there; others (Fried. Del.) that Job sends a priest to consecrate them in their own homes. B. Jacob (*ZATW*, 1912, p. 278) suggests that קרא was synonymous with קרא and meant to invite some one (cp. ט: see phil. n.) to make himself ritually ready for, and to come to, a feast; and that what is meant in 5^b is that at the end of the round of secular meals in the sons' houses, Job *sent and invited* the children *to a sacred meal* in his own house, and that on the morning after this meal Job offers sacrifice against sins of thought (for other sins the children would not have ventured in their father's presence) which might have been committed in his own house, so compromising him. But the parallelism of קרא and קרא in Jl. 1¹⁴ 2¹⁵ 4⁹ does not prove that the two vbs. were so completely synonymous that קרא included the sense of invitation; and if a meal in Job's house had been intended, it would probably have been more clearly indicated. *To offer burnt-offerings*] after the manner of the patriarchs in JE (Gn. 8²⁰ 22^{2, 7, 13} 31⁵⁴), Job as the head of the family, without the assistance of any priest, offers sacrifice; also in accordance with early custom he offers for an expiatory purpose (cp. 2 S. 24²⁵) burnt-offerings (cp. 42⁸), not the more special sin-offerings of later times—a want which ט supplies.—*For them all, one for each*] lit. *according to the number of them all*; i.e. ten, if “sons” include the daughters (cp. Gn. 3¹⁶, Ex. 21⁵ 22²², Jos. 17²): otherwise, seven.—*Cursed*] Hebr. *blessed*—a euphemism or scribal correction for *cursed*: see phil. n.—*In their*

For Job said, "If haply my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their heart." So used Job to do on all the(se) days.

heart] unless we can adopt Jacob's suggestion noted above. Job fears sin committed by the children in their own homes; but so sure is he of the character of his children that even when they are out of his sight and control he fears only that they may commit some unintentional sin or sins that are stifled before they issue in speech or outward action. Yet such is Job's fear of God that he is careful to counteract the mere possibility of even such sins as these.—*On all these days*] on the morrow of the last day of each week of feasting.

6-12. The first scene in heaven: the Satan questions the disinterestedness of Job's religion.—The scene, though not explicitly defined, is, like that in which Mastêmâ questions the whole-hearted devotion of Abraham to God (Jub. 17^{15t}), clearly heaven: it is here that the "sons of the gods" present themselves before (על) Yahweh, who is pictured, as the prep. probably implies, seated (on a throne): so in a companion picture (1 K. 22¹⁹) Yahweh is depicted "sitting on his throne and all the host of heaven," which correspond to the "sons of the gods" here, "standing before him (עמד עלי) on his right hand and on his left," and ready (1 K. 22²²), as here (1¹² 2⁷), to go out (יצא) from the divine assembly, and affect human affairs according to the will or permission of Yahweh. Cp. also Zec. 6⁵ "the four winds of heaven going out from presenting themselves before (יצאות מהתיצב על) the Lord of the whole earth." Since the Satan does not report immediately and alone, but presents himself along with the other sons of the gods (2¹), it may be inferred that Yahweh was conceived as holding a session at stated intervals for the dismissal of his messengers to earth, and for the reception of reports from them on their return.—*The sons of the gods*] "the sons of God" (EV.) is grammatically an equally legitimate rendering, and might be compared with "sons of the Most High" (בני עלי, Ps. 82⁶), but whether interpreted offspring of the one true God, or beings dependent on, but sharing the spiritual nature of the one true God, this rendering fails to reproduce the Hebrew con-

⁶ And there was a day when the sons of the gods came to present themselves before Yahweh; and the Satan came also

ception. "The sons of the gods" (בני האֱלֹהִים) are individuals of the class god, as "the sons of man" (בני האדם, 1 S. 26¹⁹) are individuals of the class man: cp. also "the sons of the prophets," meaning members of a prophetic guild. Consequently the same class of beings who are called "the sons of the gods" (בני (ה)אֱלֹהִים, 2¹ 38⁷, Gn. 6²; בני אֱלִים, Ps. 29¹ 89⁷: cp. בֵּר אֱלֹהִין, Dn. 3²⁵) can also be called simply "gods" (אֱלֹהִים, Ps. 82^{1.6}: cp. אֱלִם (point אֱלִם) in Ps. 58²). The phrase is traceable to a stage of thought in which Yahweh was not supreme or *sui generis*: the class of gods like that of men was numerous, though members ("sons") of the two classes were sharply distinguished in appearance (Dn. 3²⁵) and manner of life (Ps. 82^{6f.}). But within this class Yahweh, to this writer, is absolutely supreme; Yahweh is not a man, but one of the *elohim*; and yet not merely any one of the *elohim*, but that one who is in absolute control of all other *elohim*, as also of all men and of the affairs of the whole world. There is as little suggestion here in the Prologue as in the speeches of the earlier Hebrew thought, that Yahweh's power and authority were limited to certain areas, and that other gods shared with Him the control and allegiance of men (cp. *e.g.* 1 S. 26¹⁹); on the other hand, the sons of the gods, including the Satan, are completely subordinate to Him, and act, not on their own initiative or authority, but on His; like Him in contrast to men they are *elohim*, or holy (15¹⁵ 5¹), but no less than men they are His servants (4¹⁷⁻¹⁹). As employed by Him in the administration of human affairs, these beings are termed angels (מַלְאֲכִים, *ib.*). Σ , therefore, in rendering here οἱ ἄγγελοι τοῦ θεοῦ (so 2¹, cp. 38⁷), gives a substantially correct equivalent of the entire Hebrew phrase, though not an exact equivalent of either of the terms that compose it.—*The Satan*] here, as in Zec. 3^{1.2}, with the article, and therefore not yet, as it virtually has become in 1 Ch. 21¹ (without the article), a proper name. But here and in Zec., no less than in Ch., though in these three passages only in the OT., the term denotes a distinct and permanent

among them. ⁷ And Yahweh said to the Satan, Whence comest thou? And the Satan answered Yahweh, and said,

personality, who was thus designated originally in reference to his function of opposing or accusing (cp. Gr's διάβολος) men before God, before he had developed his later character (Ch., NT.) of tempter or instigator of men to act in opposition to God. The force of the word is well shown in Nu. 22²² where the angel of Yahweh becomes for the occasion a *satān* in order to *oppose* Balaam and to stay his course; or somewhat differently in Ps. 109⁶ where opposition in the sense of accusation before a legal tribunal is intended (cp. v. ²⁰ where שָׂטָן is parallel to הדברים הרעים): cp. also 1 S. 29⁴, 2 S. 19^{23 (22)}, 1 K. 5^{18 (4)} 11^{14ff.} Here the Satan opposes Job by endeavouring to overthrow his good standing with God (cp. the antithesis between the vb. שָׂטָן and the phrase "to seek our good" in Ps. 38²¹), not as in Zec. by drawing Yahweh's attention to actual sins which He is prepared to pardon and remove, but by suggesting unworthy motives in a man in the outward manifestations of whose life even he can find no fault. See, further, on the history and development of the term, art. "Satan" in *EBi.*—*Came also among them*] not as a being of a different class, but as himself one of the sons of the gods: בְּהוֹךְ is not infrequently tantamount to: (one) of the number of, with others of the *same* class (see Gn. 23¹⁰ 42⁵, Nu. 17²¹ 26⁶², 1 S. 10¹⁰, Ezk. 29¹²). But as in several of the passages just cited the person or persons in question are peculiar or pre-eminent in the class to which they are referred, so is the Satan here: he is one of the sons of the gods, or angels, and as such subject to and under the control of Yahweh and incapable of acting beyond the terms of His permission; but there are perhaps germs of the later idea of Satan, the opponent of God, dividing with Him the allegiance of men (Wisd. 2²⁴), in the freedom with which he here moves about in the earth, so that Yahweh asks where he has been (⁷ 2²), in contrast to the angels who are *sent* to definite persons and places.

7. *Whence comest thou*] if the implication of the question is as just suggested, the Satan is the "vagabond among the

From going hither and thither in the earth, and walking to and fro in it. ⁸ And Yahweh said to the Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a man perfect and upright, fearing God and avoiding wrong?

heavenly beings" (Da.). Others find in the question a distinction between the angels to whom superintendence of special nations and countries was entrusted by Yahweh (Dt. 32⁸ & Dn. 10^{13, 20f.}, Sir. 17¹⁷), and the Satan whose function confined his energies to no fixed region of the earth, and who "in his unrelenting service of Yahweh has been visiting all parts" of the world (Peake).—*From going hither and thither*] the vb. (שׁוּט) may be used of roving aimlessly or distraught (Jer. 49³, Hithp., and, if correctly restored there, Gn. 24⁶³); but it occurs more frequently of movement hither and thither within a given area and with a definite purpose, which requires something more than direct passage from one point to another: so the Qal is used of the manna-gatherers (Nu. 11⁸) and the census-takers (2 S. 24⁸), and the intensive Po'lel of movement in diligent search for information (Jer. 5¹, Am. 8¹²); so the eyes of Yahweh, moving hither and thither in the whole earth, put him in possession of complete information of all that goes on there (Zec. 4¹⁰, 2 Ch. 16⁹). It is in this sense that the vb. is used here in combination with הִתְהַלֵּךְ, which is similarly used at times of so *walking to and fro* in a given area as to leave nothing undiscovered (Zec. 1^{10f.}: cp. 6⁷, Jos. 18^{4, 8}). Thus the Satan, if a vagabond, is yet a vagabond with a purpose: he scourges the earth, leaving no corner unvisited, that he may discover the failings of men.

8. Of course, the Satan in his complete tour of discovery (⁷) must have come across Job; but has he devoted his attention to ((שֵׁם לֹב עַל־אֱלֹהִים): cp. e.g. 2 S. 18³, Ex. 9²¹; with לֹב, 1 S. 9²⁰, Ezk. 40⁴) him, and to the fact that here, at least, is a man against whom no accusation can be brought? or, is it for that very reason that he, unlike Yahweh, has found no further interest in him?—*That*] rather than *for* (EV.); so 2³. —*There is none like him in the earth*] this goes beyond ¹: Yahweh endorses the judgment of Job's character in the narrative, and, by an addition, enhances the startling nature

⁹ And the Satan answered Yahweh, and said, Is it for nothing that Job has feared God? ¹⁰ Hast not thou thyself made a hedge about him, and his house, and all that he hath everywhere? the work of his hands thou hast blessed, and his cattle hath increased in the land. ¹¹ But stretch forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath: surely he will curse thee to thy face. ¹² And Yahweh said unto the Satan, Behold, all that he

of the change of fortunes that is to come: Job's piety, according to the narrative (¹⁻³), had led to his being prosperous beyond all the children of the East; as certified by Yahweh, it would justify his being the most prosperous man in the earth, and so, on the current theory, makes him the least likely object in the world of a disastrous change of fortune.

9. The Satan admits what he must, but no more. Up till now, Job has feared (יָרָא, pf., not the part., for note the order: cp. Dr. § 135 (⁴)) God, but the future may reveal even outward failings; and, as it is, his piety is probably a mere *quid pro quo*. Yahweh has given a good price to the man for the life which pleases Him so much; and the man has had the sense not to imperil a good bargain by failing in his part of it.

10. *Thou thyself*] (פָּנֶיךָ for אַתָּה; *Lex.* 61b) emphatic: the hedge, which surrounds and screens Job and his children and his possessions, has been made by none other than God Himself, and for this reason must remain unbreached—unless God Himself can be induced to breach it, and let in destruction (cp. Is. 5⁵).—*Cattle*] ³ n. Here mentioned as the principal part for the whole of Job's wealth.

11. *But* (an emphatic adversative, see phil. nn. on 13⁴ 33¹) let Yahweh reverse His treatment, and Job will certainly reverse his conduct; when piety no longer pays, Job will become defiantly profane. Yahweh may think that He has found a man good all through: the Satan knows better, and confidently challenges Yahweh to bring the matter to a test.—*Touch*] hurtfully or destructively (נָגַע בְּ), as 19²¹, 1 S. 6⁹, and (with a human subj.) Gn. 26¹¹, Jos. 9¹⁹, Zec. 2¹², and (of the wind) c. 2¹⁹ (RV. "smote").—*Curse*] lit. *bless*, as ⁵ (n.).

12. Yahweh accepts the Satan's challenge, and on the

hath is in thy hand; only against himself stretch not forth thy hand. And the Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh.

Satan's terms, except that He delegates to the Satan the work of destruction, instead of performing it Himself; the reservation that Job's person is not to be injured is within the terms of the challenge; at present (cf. 2^{4f.}) the Satan is confident that the destruction of Job's children and property will suffice to turn this pattern of piety into a profane person; and Yahweh empowers him to do what he likes with all that Job possesses. To speak of the "rapidity and coldbloodedness" with which Yahweh, in accepting the challenge, gives up his favourite to torture, or of lack of omniscience in Yahweh, making it necessary for him to test Job's disinterestedness (Du.), is not very helpful: everything in the Prologue moves rapidly, and is told with few words; nor would it have eased the situation to have shown Yahweh being gradually compelled to give up His servant to trial. That He does allow him to be tested, and, though righteous, to suffer, is simply the unexplained *fact* of life, as the author observed it, but which the current theory denied.—*In thy hand*] as Gn. 16⁶: cp. c. 8⁴.

13-22. Job bereft of children and wealth.—The Satan uses his power to the full: in a single day Job loses everything, but he maintains the integrity of his character. With simple but effective art the writer heightens the impression of the suddenness and completeness of the calamity. The opening v. of the section depicts afresh the old (⁴) careless, happy life of Job's children; and leaves us to think of Job still tranquil and unexpectant of evil up to the very point when the first messenger of ill comes (¹⁴). The calamities are only described through the mouth of the messengers; they all happen on the day that has begun, as so many days before, quietly and happily for Job and his children; each messenger is the sole survivor of the calamity he describes; each messenger after the first arrives before his predecessor has completed his tale of woe. Within a single day all the calamities happen; within a few moments Job receives the news of them. The first message, like the paragraph as a whole, begins (¹⁴) with a

¹³ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest

peaceful, familiar picture of Job's cattle ploughing, then suddenly (¹⁵) this picture is completely wiped out—for ever. The next two messages at once suggest a new calamity with their opening words: "the fire of heaven fell"; "the Chaldæans made three bands": the last, like the first, begins with an old familiar scene—the children banqueting; but this, after the recital of so much calamity, only heralds the last and crowning stroke, and by recalling the happier days, for ever ended, only adds to the poignancy of this final message. The alternation of human beings (the Sabæans and the Chaldæans, ^{15, 17}) and the elements of nature (the lightning and the hurricane from the desert, ^{16, 18}) as the instruments of calamity is noticeable. The last calamity is obviously the greatest: the third—the loss of three thousand camels—more severe than the second (seven thousand sheep and goats); the second perhaps also more severe than the first (a thousand kine and five hundred she-asses). As the section opens with a picture of the old life on its sensuous side, so it closes with the picture of the new life, brought about by the calamities, on its spiritual side—Job deprived of all, naked of all outward belongings, as when he issued from his mother's womb, but maintaining his fear of God and his God-approved character.

13. *His sons*] though Satan is the person last named, the writer uses the suffix in reference to the main person of the story. **G**: *the sons of Job*, a correct and obvious interpretation rather than a difference of text.—*A day . . . in the house of their eldest brother*] the first day of a week of banqueting (cp. ⁴). If every day of the year was a banqueting day with Job's children, the day of calamity is a day on which Job had offered expiatory sacrifices for the preceding week (⁵), and the day may be specified so as to bring Job's godliness and his calamity into the closest connection (Dav.), or so as to prevent the calamity being attributed to unexpiated sins of Job or his children (Du. Peake). If, however, the periods of banqueting were separated from one another by intervals, the point is that the Satan chose the first opportunity, when all the children were gathered into

brother: ¹⁴ and a messenger came to Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses were feeding beside them: ¹⁵ and

one house, to use the authority given him to destroy them by one fell blow (so Bu.). An interval between the Satan's departure from heaven and his destructive activity on earth is rather suggested by the insertion of the clause, And there was a day (cp. ⁶ 2¹): ct. 2⁷, where we have, "he went out and smote," without any such intervening clause.

14. *Were plowing*] the season is winter.—*The asses*] fem., as in ³: see n. there.

15. *Sheba*] in 6¹⁹ the travelling companies of Sheba are closely associated in synonymous parallelism with the caravans of Tema. Sheba (שֵׁבָא) is the name of the South Arabian (cp. Gn. 10²⁸ J) people whose capital was Marib, about 45 miles east of San'a, and about 1200 miles south of Jerusalem. The Sabæan inscriptions, discovered and deciphered within the last century, record many kings of Sab'a (שֵׁבָא = Heb. Sheba שֵׁבָא) and the buildings of these kings and others in later times continued to bear witness to the wealth and power of ancient Sheba. The remoteness of Sheba, its trade in frankincense, gold, and precious stones, and its wealth, are the subjects of most of the OT. references (1 K. 10^{1ff.}, Is. 60⁴, Jer. 6²⁰, Ezk. 27²², Jl. 4⁸, Ps. 72^{10, 15}—all, with the possible exception of 1 K. 10^{1ff.}, as late as or later than the end of the 7th cent. B.C.). The association with Dedan in Gn. 10⁷ 25³, Ezk. 38¹³, and with Tema (c. 350 miles south of Jerusalem and 230 miles north of Medina) in 6¹⁹, and the reference to Saba in inscriptions of Sargon (Gen. inscription l. 32: Rogers, *CP*, p. 332), and in the Minæan inscription cited below, have been thought to point either to a northern home of Sheba prior to their settlement in southern Arabia, or to the existence of trading stations of the South Arabian Sheba in northern Arabia and "in the neighbourhood of Edom" (Dr.). The present is certainly the only passage in the OT. which represents Sheba as raiders or, as some would put it more definitely, as "Bedouin of the northern desert" (Skinner, *Genesis*, p. 203); but a Minæan inscription (Gl. 1155) records the thanks of the donors to 'Athtar of Kābd for the

Sheba fell (upon them), and took them, and the young men they smote with the sword; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁶ This one was still speaking, when another came and said, The fire of God fell from heaven, and burnt up the sheep and goats, and the young men, and consumed them; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁷ This one was yet speaking, when another came and said, Kasdim formed (themselves into) three companies, and made a raid upon the camels, and took them, and the young men they smote with the sword; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee. ¹⁸ This one was yet speaking, when another came and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

deliverance from Sab'a of their caravan with their camels and possessions, on its return from Mṣr (Egypt?), and perhaps during its passage through northern Arabia. According to one theory (Glaser) this inscription dates from c. 1100 B.C.; according to another and more probable theory (Hartmann), however, the inscription refers to the Medes (*i.e.* the Persians) in Egypt, and accordingly dates from the time of Cambyses (c. 525 B.C.). On Sheba, see, further, Ed. Glaser, *Skizze der Gesch. u. Geog. Arabiens*, ii. 399ff.; Hartmann, *D. islamische Orient*, ii. 130ff.; D. S. Margoliouth, *Sheba*, in *DB.—The young men*] *i.e.* the servants (נַעֲרִים as Nu. 22²² and often) in charge of the cattle: of these the messenger alone escapes.

16. *The fire of God*] *i.e.* lightning, but lightning of extraordinary destructiveness, since it burns up and consumes the whole of Job's large flocks and all the shepherds with them, except only the messenger that escapes. The fire of God is on this occasion directed by the Satan: Yahweh having permitted the end, the destruction of Job's possessions (¹²), permits the use of the means.

17. *Kasdim*] or the Kasdim (see phil. n.). The term is that commonly rendered Chaldæans; but the Chaldæans, who formed the nucleus of Nebuchadnezzar's army and empire, would appear here even more strangely than in 2 K. 24², where we read of marauding "bands of Kasdim, and bands of Aram (? read Edom), and bands of Moab, and bands of the

¹⁹ and, behold, a great wind came (sweeping) across the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell in upon the young men, and they died; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee. ²⁰ And Job rose up, and rent his robe, and

sons of Ammon," let loose on Judah to destroy it. In both these passages the Kasdim are rather (Aramæan: cp. Gn. 22²² with Skinner's n. there) nomads, whether ultimately connected with the Kasdim (Chaldæans) of Babylonia or not: cp. Wi. AOF ii. 250ff. Che. (EBi. 968, 2469) substitutes Kushim for Kasdim. These marauders, whoever they were, formed into three companies so as to attack from three sides, and so the more easily to prevent the escape of the camels.

19. *The wilderness*] The great desert stretching across from the eastern confines of Palestine to the Euphrates valley. The violence or destructiveness of the east wind (the sirocco, 15² 27²¹), or, as it is here called, the wind *from the other* (i.e. eastern) *side of the wilderness*, is elsewhere referred to: see Hos. 13¹⁵, Jer. 4¹¹ 18¹⁷; here the wind is a whirlwind which strikes all four corners of the house.—*The young men*] Job's children, both sons and daughters (cp. 29⁵), together with their attendants: see phil. n.

20. Job has received the messengers seated (cp. 1 S. 4¹³, 2 S. 18^{24ff.}): their messages have followed one another without a moment's interval, so stunning Job that he does not interrupt them; but when the last has spoken he rises from his seat and, still apparently without spoken comment on the news, rends in a moment his outer garment in token of his sudden distress (cp. 2 S. 13¹⁹), and then performs the customary mourning rite of shaving the head so as to make it bald (cp. Am. 8¹⁰, Is. 15² 22¹², Jer. 16⁶). The latter rite cannot have been momentary; Job must have gone himself, or sent another, in search of the necessary instrument. Consequently *and he fell to the ground* does not describe an immediate half-involuntary physical reaction against the distressing news (Di.: cp. 1 S. 28²⁰), but an act of reverential obeisance or worship; so, e.g., with man as the obj. and, as here, followed by *worship*, in 2 S. 1² 9⁶ 14⁴, Ru. 2¹⁰, with God as obj. 2 Ch. 20¹⁸,

shaved his head, and he fell on the ground, and worshipped, and said,

²¹ Naked came I forth from my mother's womb,

And naked shall I return thither :

Yahweh gave, and Yahweh hath taken away ;

Blessed be the name of Yahweh.

cp. Jos. 5¹⁴. The implied object of obeisance is Yahweh : but what follows is not a prayer to Him (for He is referred to in the 3rd pers.), but a confession in the presence of the messengers of Job's entire dependence on God, and of his acquiescence in His dealings with him.—*His robe*] the *mē'îl* (of Jb. 29¹⁴: of the friends, 2¹²) was the outer garment worn above the tunic—especially the outer garment of men of position ; so of Jonathan, 1 S. 18⁴; of Saul, 1 S. 24⁵; of Samuel, 1 S. 28¹⁴; of the high priest, *v.g.* Ex. 28³¹; of Ezra, Ezr. 9³. See, further, *EBi.* 2933 n.

21. Cp. Gn. 3¹⁹, Ec. 5¹⁴ (15), 1 Ti. 6⁷. Owning nothing Job (like all men) came into life, carrying nothing with him he will leave it and descend to Sheol ; life and all that it had brought him (2^t) were the gift of Yahweh ; at death at latest he must have left all these gifts behind—Yahweh who had given would then have taken them away ; He has done so earlier, as He had an absolute right to do ; nevertheless Job does not curse, as the Satan had expected, but blesses the name of Yahweh. To ancient Hebrew thought the state after death was not identical with that before birth ; but, as compared with the rich activity of life on earth, the thin and unsubstantial life after death in Sheol was not very different from the absence of life that preceded birth ; so Job in 3¹³⁻¹⁶ plays on the similarity of the two states ; and so here, as elsewhere, expressions that, strictly speaking, would imply identity of the states before birth and after death are employed, without that precise implication being intended by the writer. With *thither*, cp. *there* in 3¹⁷. 19 ; with *return*, cp. 30²³, Ps. 9¹⁸. To infer from *thither* that *my mother's womb* means the womb of mother earth (cp. Ps. 139¹⁵) is mistaken (cp. Nöldeke in *Archiv f. Religionsgeschichte*, viii. 161-166) ; and had the writer intended his

²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God with unworthiness.

II. ¹ And there was a day when the sons of the gods came to present themselves before Yahweh; and the Satan came also among them. ² And Yahweh said to the Satan, Whence comest thou? And the Satan answered Yahweh and said, From going hither and thither in the earth, and walking to and fro in it. ³ And Yahweh said to the Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the

mother's womb in the first line, and the womb of mother earth in the second, he would doubtless have expressed the idea as clearly as Ben Sirach (40¹). In this saying Job uses the name Yahweh; for the rest, in the Prologue as in the Dialogue, the human speakers use the term God (1^{5,16} 2^{9,10}), though the narrative regularly employs Yahweh; see Introd.

22. *In all this*] viz. all that happened, or that Job had thought or done, or perhaps *in spite of all this* (2 as Is. 9²⁰). Job, true to his character, avoided sin.—*Unworthiness*] see phil. n.

II. 1-6. The second scene in heaven closely resembles the first, and is largely described in identical language: here as there the sons of the gods with the Satan among them come before Yahweh: ¹ Yahweh puts the same question to the Satan, and receives the same answer, ²—but the same answer under different conditions: the Satan avoids reporting the effect of the permission given to him at the last assembly. Yahweh repeats His second question, ³ but now with an addition, bringing out, what the Satan has not been ready to volunteer, that Job's character has stood the strain of calamity, and that the Satan's insinuation against it had not been justified. Thus challenged, the Satan, with the same assurance as before, claims that it is only necessary to attack Job's own person, to plague him with disease, in order to make him curse God, ^{4, 5}. Yahweh permits the Satan to try the further experiment, and he departs, ^{6, 7a}.

I. Among them] **U** + to present himself before Yahweh: see phil. n. 2. = 1⁷. 3a. = 1⁸.

earth, a man perfect and upright, fearing God and avoiding wrong? and he still holds fast his integrity, and yet thou hast enticed me against him to destroy him without cause. ⁴ And the Satan answered Yahweh, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. ⁵ But stretch forth

3b. *And he still holds fast . . . and yet, etc.*] or, perhaps, . . . and so in vain hast thou enticed me to destroy him: see phil. n.—*Integrity*] or, *perfection*; see n. on *perfect* in 1¹, and on *integrity* in 27⁵.—*Destroy*] the same vb. (בִּלַע) with a similar sense occurs in 10⁸: cp. also 8¹⁸ 37²⁰, Is. 3¹² 19³, 2 S. 20^{19f.}.—*Without cause*] cp. 9¹⁷ in a similar connection; so also 1 S. 19⁵ and often. For the sense, *in vain*, see Pr. 1¹⁷, Mal. 1¹⁰.

4. *Skin for skin*] “the meaning apparently is: a man will sacrifice one part of his body to save another, an arm, for instance, to save his head, and he will similarly give all that he has to save his life: Job’s resignation (1²¹), therefore, is not disinterested: it is still not shown that he serves God ‘for naught’ (1⁹)”; so Dr. following T Rashi, Ibn Ezra, Del. The objection has been raised to this that עָרַב does not denote a member of the body. Numerous other interpretations of the phrase *skin for skin* have been offered: it was probably a proverbial saying, and, as such, to those who were familiar with it, it would have enforced the following clause; to us its origin and associations are unknown, and its meaning can only roughly be determined by what follows. On the force of the prep., see phil. n. Among other interpretations that have been offered, there may be mentioned: (1) Leave Job’s skin unbroken, and he will so leave you yours (Olsh.): if this were correct, the language of the Satan would indeed be “rather vulgar” (Peake: cp. Du.)—indeed to Del. this seemed too indecent even for the Devil; otherwise the language, as in 1⁹⁻¹⁰, is cynical, but hardly vulgar; (2) like for like a man readily gives up, how much more his outward possessions for life and health (Ew. Di.); (3) the skin of an animal or of his children a man gives up to save his own: so Ros. Hupf. Da. Du., who think the proverb arose in circles in which skins were an important article of exchange. Similarly Dhorme (RB, 1914, 128f.), who, however, suggests that the

thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, surely he will curse thee to thy face. ⁶ And Yahweh said to the Satan, Behold, he is in thy hand; only preserve his life.

⁷ And the Satan went out from the presence of Yahweh, and smote Job with malignant ulcers from the sole of his foot

skin was not itself the unit of exchange, but stands—the part for the whole—for what was, viz., the animal; “skin for skin,” therefore, means “animal for animal,” *i.e.* “money (cp. *pecunia* from *pecus*) for money”; (4) one skin surrounds another; a man can give up one skin, *i.e.* much, and yet have another, *i.e.* something, left: against Di.’s objection that the figure of men having two skins is untrue, Bu. appeals to the Arabic use of *bašarat* for the outer; *’adamat* for the inner skin; (5) see on v.⁶ end.

5. Beneath the skin lie bone and flesh; let Yahweh smite Job’s body, and that, too, more than skin-deep, with disease. For the bones as the seat of disease, see, *e.g.*, La. 1¹³; for the flesh, Is. 10¹⁸.

6. As before (1¹²), Yahweh meets the Satan’s wish to the full, and gives him permission to do all that he has asserted will suffice to show up Job. Before, as he had then asked, Job’s possessions, now Job’s body is put in his power; the only limitation imposed this time is that Job must not be killed outright. The limitation is necessary in order to allow of the experiment being carried through; but the use of the same word נִפְשׁוֹ, *his soul* or *life*, at the end of ⁴ and ⁶ is awkward, and is perhaps due to the first occurrence of the word belonging to the proverb cited by the Satan, which most have limited to “skin for skin”; in this case it would be tempting to read עוֹר וְעוֹר for עוֹר וְעוֹר, and render (another) skin for (*i.e.* to save) his own skin, yea, all that he hath will a man give for (*i.e.* to save) his life, עוֹר וְעוֹר thus being parallel expressions.

7-8. Job smitten with malignant disease.—The Satan this time immediately (ct. 1¹³) works out his will on Job, and the scene in heaven dissolves into the picture of Job suddenly smitten with a malignant and loathsome disease that leaves no corner of his body sound. The disease is not named, but here

a single prominent symptom, and elsewhere in the book many other symptoms are indicated. These have commonly been supposed to indicate elephantiasis, a disease so named from the swelling of the limbs and blackening of the skin which disfigured the sufferer, so that his limbs and skin resemble those of an elephant. The term שחין occurs also, qualified as here by the adj. רע, in Dt. 28³⁵, qualified by the gen. "of Egypt" in Dt. 28²⁷, and without an adj. in 2 K. 20⁷ = Is. 38²¹ (of Hezekiah's sickness, which was treated with a fig-plaister), in the phrase שחין אבעבועה פרה באדם ובבהמה used of the Egyptian plague in Ex. 9⁹⁻¹¹, and lastly, in the law of leprosy in Lv. 13^{18-20. 23}†. It is not clear that in all these passages שחין indicates the same disease: Dr. Macalister, for example (*DB* iii. 229 f.), holds that the Egyptian plague may have been small-pox, Hezekiah's sickness (bubonic) plague, and Job's the Oriental sore; the last suggestion Dr. Masterman (*PEFQuSt*, 1918, p. 168) finds highly improbable, since the Oriental sore is "commonly a single lesion and never a general eruption"; Job's disease was rather "a very extensive erythema." The term *shēhin*, from a root which in Arabic (*saḥuna*) means *to be hot, inflamed*, and in Aram. (*shēhan*) *to be warm*, appears to have denoted inflamed eruptions of various kinds, and here, as the next v. suggests, such an eruption as discharges purulent matter and produces itching; the discharge and the subsequent crusting over of these eruptions are referred to in 7⁵. Other symptoms of Job's disease are the maggots bred in the ulcers (7⁶), the fetid breath (19¹⁷), the corrosion of the bones (30¹⁷), the blackening and falling off of the skin (30³⁰), feelings of terror (3²⁵ 6⁴⁰), and by night terrifying dreams and nightmares (7¹⁴ n.; cp. 7⁴). There are also many allusions to intensity of pain and to groanings and cryings out; and 7¹⁵ is commonly taken to refer to the feeling of strangulation that is a symptom of elephantiasis, and 2¹² to the disfigurement that is so prominent a characteristic of that disease. See, further, for a discussion of the symptoms and of the diseases to which they have been considered to point, Dr. on Dt. 28^{27. 35} and Ex. 9⁹; *EBi.* articles BOIL and LEPROSY; *DB* iii. 329 f.: the commentaries on this passage of Stickel, Del. Di., and the references there given. The

to the crown of his head. ⁸ And he took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with, as he sat among the ashes.

writer may or may not have had a single disease in mind throughout; but, in any case, we must beware of extending to Job's case irrelevant symptoms of the disease: for example, elephantiasis develops slowly, and often lasts some years before death ensues; but the narrative almost certainly intends us to understand that Job was immediately smitten with intensely painful and loathsome symptoms, attacking every part of his body, and, as the discussion proceeds, death does not appear far off.

8. Job already, when the disease smites him, sitting among the ashes, as a sign of mourning (cp. 42⁶, Jon. 3⁶, Is. 58⁵), additional to those mentioned in 1²⁰, takes up a potsherd lying there and uses it to allay the intolerable itching caused by the disease. So taken, ^b is a circumstantial clause of a normal and very frequent type (Dr. § 160). The v. has also been translated: *And Job took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with. And (as) he was sitting among the ashes,* ⁹ *his wife said to him,* and, were this correct—though it would naturally be expressed by וַאֲשֶׁתוֹ אָמַר, or the like, instead of וַחֲמָר (cp. e.g. 1^{18b, 19} and Dr. §§ 165-169)—Job first retired to the ashes *after* being smitten with disease, whether as a further means of allaying the itching (DB iii. 329), or because the ash-heap or hill was the proper place for lepers. In the latter case certainly *the ashes* would be the mound of burnt dung lying outside the town (Ἡ τῆς κοπρίας ἔξω τῆς πόλεως). Still a conspicuous feature of the Hauran towns and villages, such a mound is now termed *mezbele*, and is vividly described by Wetzst. (in Del.): "The dung . . . is carried in baskets in a dry state to that place outside the village, and there generally it is burnt once a month. . . . The ashes remain. . . . If a place has been inhabited for centuries, the *mezbele* attains a height far greater than that of the place itself. The rains of winter reduce the layers of ashes to a compact mass, and gradually convert the *mezbele* into a solid hill of earth. . . . The *mezbele* serves the inhabitants of the place as a watch-tower, and on sultry evenings as a place of concourse, for on this height there is a

⁹ Then his wife said to him, Art thou still holding fast thine integrity? curse God, and die. ¹⁰ And he said to her, As one of the impious women wilt thou speak? shall we receive good

breath of air. . . . There lies the outcast who, smitten by loathsome disease, is no longer admitted to the dwellings of men. . . . There lie the dogs of the village, gnawing perhaps some fallen carcase, such as is often thrown there."

9, 10. Job's wife, like Adam's (Gn. 3), becomes, even if unwittingly, "diaboli adiutrix" (Aug.); subtle psychological analyses, however, whether to heighten or diminish her weakness, are probably as foreign to the author's intention as the lengthy harangue attributed to her by $\mathfrak{C}$, the translator, "feeling, no doubt, nature and propriety outraged, that a woman should in such circumstances say so little" (Da.) as in $\mathfrak{H}$. Her terse question serves to bring out the uniqueness of Job's character: many others of more ordinary character might well have failed at this point (cp. Is. 8²¹, Rev. 16¹¹): Job stands fast. Once again, it is best to think of the wife's question as following, not long ($\mathfrak{C}$), but immediately after the disease has attacked Job; the symptoms hold out no hope of alleviation and recovery; let Job therefore curse God and take the penalty, death (1 K. 21¹⁰, Lv. 24^{11ff.}; cp. Ex. 22^{27 (28)}), as preferable (cp. 7¹⁵) to life under present conditions.—*Integrity*] see n. on ³.

10. Job rejects the impious advice, yet in terms suggesting that his wife may have offered it unthinkingly, not fully realizing its enormity. Her speech is, in fact, nothing less than impious; and, if spoken intentionally, she herself must be an impious woman. But Job neither says directly that she has spoken impiously, nor that she is an impious woman: he rather implies that she has spoken, under momentary stress, as any one of a class to which she did not normally belong: cp. similar locutions in 2 S. 3³³ 13¹³, Jg. 16⁷ (Samson will become again what he had not been, *like one of mankind*, i.e. like any ordinary man).—*Impious*] the Heb. *nābhal* (30⁸, 2 S. 3³³ 13¹³, Pr. 17^{7. 21} 30²², Jer. 17¹¹, Ezk. 13³, with the references cited below) does not mean, though it is often so rendered in EV.,

from God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job sinned not with his lips.

foolish or *fool*; for "the fault of the *nābhāl* was not weakness of reason but moral and religious insensibility, an invincible lack of sense or perception, for the claims of either God or man. The term is thus applied to Israel unappreciative of Jehovah's benefits (Dt. 32⁶), to the heathen (v.²¹, Ps. 74^{18, 22}), to the man that cannot perceive that there is a God (Ps. 14¹). Isaiah states explicitly what he understands by the *nābhāl*: he contrasts him (32⁵) with the 'noble' or 'liberal' man, and adds (v.⁶), 'For the senseless man speaketh senselessness, and his heart worketh naughtiness, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against Jehovah, and to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail'; the description is that of a man who is at once irreligious and churlish (cp. 1 S. 25²⁵). . . . The corresponding subst. [נבלה] *senselessness* is used of acts of profanity (Jos. 7¹³), churlishness (1 S. 25²⁵), and immorality (Gn. 34⁷, Dt. 22²¹, 2 S. 13¹²; and elsewhere)"—Dr. *Parallel Psalter*, p. 457.—*Wilt thou speak* or *canst thou speak* (cp. Dr. § 39), as you have done just now, or *oughtest thou to have spoken* (cp. 10¹⁸ with phil. n., 2 S. 3³³) are better renderings than *thou speakest*, for the idea is certainly not, thou speakest habitually and so now also impiously. Possibly (see phil. n.) the text originally had a pf. tense: *As one of the impious women hast thou spoken*.—*Job sinned not with his lips*] did not speak sinfully as the Satan (⁵) had been confident that he would. There is no emphasis on "with his lips," and there is no implication that Job sinned otherwise than with his lips, viz. in his heart (*Baba Bathra*, 16a): Ehrlich well cites the parallel phrase *not to sin with my tongue* in Ps. 39².

11-13. *Job's three friends* come from their several countries to comfort Job.—It is clearly implied that some time elapsed between Job's last calamity (⁶⁻¹⁰) and the arrival of his friends: for first the news has to reach each of them in their several homes, which lay some distance from one another; then, as וייעדו implies, they communicated with one another and fixed on a rendezvous from which they should proceed in com-

¹¹ And the three friends of Job heard of all this evil that had come upon him. And they came each from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Šophar the Na'amathite. So they met together at the place agreed upon to come to show their grief for him and to comfort him.

¹² And they lifted up their eyes afar off, and they did not recognize him. And they lifted up their voice, and wept: and they rent each his robe, and tossed dust upon their heads towards heaven. ¹³ And they sat down with him on the ground

pany to Job's home, and then the journey itself must have taken some time. With this implication of the Prologue allusions in the speeches agree; for in 7³ Job speaks of months of pain already past: cp. 7⁴ 30^{16f. 27} and, indeed, the entire tenour of c. 30 and 19^{1. 3-20}.

II. *Place*] in the sense of home or country: cp. Nu. 24^{11.25}. —*Eliphaz the Temanite*, etc.] on the names of the friends and their homes, see Introduction.—Teman lay in Edom, and was proverbial for its wisdom (Jer. 49⁷); Shuah was a tribe belonging to the "East" (Gn. 25^{2. 6}); Šophar's home is quite uncertain.—*They met together*, etc.] for the vb., cp. Am. 3³, Neh. 6^{2.10}, Jos. 11⁵ (of allied kings meeting at a fixed place for the opening of a campaign), 1's. 48⁵.—*To show their grief*] from the primary physical sense *to move to and fro* (1 K. 14¹⁵, Jer. 18¹⁶), the vb. (נָוַר) seems to have come to mean *to make gestures* (of grief); cp. Jer. 22¹⁰, weep not, nor make gestures (of grief) for him; and then, with a weakening or loss of the physical sense, *to manifest grief, to solace* (cp. the noun in 16⁵), *to commiserate*: so, e.g., Jer. 15⁵ 48¹⁷, and coupled (as here), or in parallelism with the vb. נָהַם, 42¹¹, Is. 51¹⁹, Ps. 69²¹, Nah. 3⁷.

12. Condensed. The friends catch sight of Job, a conspicuous object on the lofty ash-mound outside the city (⁸), while they are still some distance away. When they draw near enough to discern his features, they find them marred by disease beyond recognition (cp. Is. 52¹⁴); when, in spite of this, they know that it really is Job, they break out into weeping, and toss quantities (see phil. n.) of dust on their head in token of distress (cp. Jos. 7⁶, 1 S. 4¹², 2 S. 13¹⁹, La. 2¹⁰, Ezk. 27³⁰).

for seven days and seven nights: but none spoke a word to him, for they saw that the pain was very great.

13. For a whole week the friends show their sympathy by sharing with Job his seat on the ash-mound; but, overwhelmed by the greatness of his suffering, they speak no word: even at the end of the period, it is not they but Job who breaks the silence.—*The pain*] EV. “grief,” but probably with the meaning of “pain”: cp. Shakespeare’s “grief of a wound,” see Dr.’s n. Here physical pain is intended by the noun נֹכַח, as most obviously by the vb. in 14²², Gn. 34²⁵: cp. also Jb. 5¹⁸, Ezk. 28²⁴.

III. In the first moments and days of his troubles, Job still remembered and praised God for the happiness of his former life (1²¹ 2¹⁰): God still filled his mind. But months have now passed (see on 2¹¹⁻¹³); and his misery is already of long standing. How great that misery is the advent of his friends seven days ago, and their attitude since, have but served to make clearer; they came to express their grief in words, but having found Job’s calamities beyond the power of words to express or mitigate, they have kept silence. Job does not reproach them for this, regarding their silence as perhaps the best substitute for a comfort (cp. 21²) which circumstances do not allow them to give him. But for the time being they are almost beyond his thought or attention: so, too, has God become. Thus when, in the presence of his friends, he breaks the long silence, it is in a speech which, like cc. 29-31, but unlike those that intervene, is addressed neither to his friends nor to God. He is absorbed with two thoughts—his misery and the wherefore of it: his misery, though so relatively recent, has blotted out all sense of former happiness, and so completely obsesses him that his life from the very day of his birth now seems to him to have been mere wretchedness and pain (³⁻¹⁰): his misery is so intense that it needs no foil of happier times remembered (cp. 29) to set it off: it is such that Sheol itself is by comparison with it to be longed for or welcomed (¹¹⁻¹⁹). Why, then, is life thrust upon him and others wretched like himself? (¹⁹⁻²⁶). In the last section the wider question is put first (²⁰⁻²²),

III. ¹ After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day.
² And Job answered and said :

and is followed by the particular (²³⁻²⁶): why must the wretched live, and why Job in particular? This order flows naturally out of the preceding section in which Job, expressing his longing for death, has had occasion to refer to the different classes who meet in the realm of death—princes, masters, the great, whose life raises no wherefore? and the toil-worn, petty, servile folk, whose life is intolerable. Why are these last born at all? Thus Job, though absorbed with his own misery and the mystery of it, is not so absorbed as to regard his fate as singular; rather has his own trouble deepened his fellow-feeling with the wretched: in the days of his prosperity he had been anything but unsympathetic towards them, for he had helped the victims of misfortune (^{4^{3f.}}); but in those days their lot had not presented to him a problem, now it does (cp. ^{4⁵}). Why are there weak, stumbling, miserable men to be helped and comforted? Why are men born to grow up to such conditions as these? This question must ultimately raise that of God's responsibility: what does God mean by creating and maintaining such lives? But in this first speech Job does not clearly and directly raise the question in this form, though God may perhaps be the unnamed subject in ²⁰, and in ^{23^b} the one place in the chapter in which God is mentioned, it is at least hinted that (but cf. the explicitness of ^{10¹⁸}) He is the source of Job's troubles, and of the moral perplexities which they occasion; but, for the most part, it is the bare fact of misery, and the question whether such misery, however caused or to whatsoever due, ought to be, that are considered. Just as God is kept at least somewhat in the background, so also is any moral distinction in men of differing fortunes: not here or yet is the question clearly formulated, why do the *righteous* live miserably? It is the wider question that is put: Why are men allowed to be wretched? Why are they born at all, if to live is to suffer? V.¹ (prose) connects the prose Prologue (cc. 1-2) with the speech (poetry), in which Job opens the succession of speeches (poetry) of himself and his friends extending down to c. 31.

V.² is the usual formula introducing a speech: so 4¹ 6¹, etc.

1. *Dar*] *i.e.* birthday, which is elsewhere otherwise expressed (v.³, Gn. 40²⁰, Jer. 20¹⁴, Ec. 7¹).

2. *Answered*] as often, not of reply to any previous remarks, but of beginning to speak as an occasion required (*Lex.* 773a, 2).

3-10. Job curses the day (^{3a}) of his birth (cp. Jer. 20¹⁴⁻¹⁸), and the night of his conception (^{3b} *ח*, not *ע*), praying that they may both be blotted out of existence. Personifying the day and night in question, he treats them as possessing independent and continuous existence, so that they have hitherto reappeared every year: his wish is that they may now cease to exist, and henceforward appear no more.

The verse division of *ח*, followed by RV., in this opening section of the poem, gives four tristichs (4^{5. 6. 9}) and four distichs—an extraordinary proportion of the former, even though we do not with Bi. Du. rule out the possibility of tristichs. The tristichs of 4^{5. 6} could be most easily removed, and distichs restored, by transposing 4^{b. c}. Bi.¹ assumes the loss of a line after 4^a, unites 5^c with 6^a (omitting "that night" in 6^a), and expands 9^a into a distich. Du. transfers 9^b to follow 4^a: this yields a good distich, and improves rather than spoils 9; of 5^{5. 6}, like Bi., he makes three distichs; and certainly 5^{a. b} would stand well as a complete distich, and 6^{b. c} better by itself than tacked on to 6^a; moreover, 5^{c. 6^a} would form a good distich except that the *casus pendens* at the beginning of the *second* line is not very natural; on the other hand, if we simply omit "that night" in 6^a, with Bi. Du., the line is reduced to two stresses, though, by reading יקח for יק, Bi. is able to satisfy his system. It must, however, also be observed that, as it stands, 6^a is over long (four stresses). On the whole, the tristichs remain suspicious, even though no attempt hitherto made to remove them is beyond criticism: the same may be said of "that night" in 6, and also of "Lo, that night" in 7. It has sometimes been claimed on the basis of *ח* (for variations in *ע*, see below) that the special curse on the *night* of conception (6-10) is twice as long as that on the *day* of birth (4^{5. 6}), and the reason for this has been very artificially found, and against the standpoint of the context, in the fact that it was the night of conception which properly gave Job being. The quatrain theory of Bi. and Du. leads them to obscure the really rather obvious and effective articulation of the passage, since they are bound to unite 4^a (Du. + 9^b) with 3 and (Du.) 9^{b. c} with 10. As a matter of fact, in a single opening distich (3) the writer defines the day and night he has in view, and in a single closing distich (10) gives the reason for his curse; what lies between amplifies the single word of malediction (יאכר) in 2^a. Had the writer really been bound by a system of quatrains he could easily, and we must believe would, have expended 3. 10 each into a quatrain.

³ Perish the day wherein I was born !

And the night which said, A man is conceived !

3. *And the night which said*] The night is personified, and so able to bear witness to what had happened in it: the poet even, if $\mathfrak{H}$ be right, endows it with the faculty of knowing what no human being could know, the sex of the child at the moment of conception.—*A man is conceived*] $\mathfrak{G}$ Behold a male ! (see phil. n.)—referring to Job's *birth*. If this reading is correct, the poet will first use day in its broader and more general sense, and then in the parallel clause specify the particular part of the "day" meant by him, viz. the first half of the *νυχθήμερον*.—Thus, whereas according to $\mathfrak{H}$ the night of conception as well as the day of birth is cursed, according to $\mathfrak{G}$ the day of birth is the sole object of the malediction. "These objections have been urged against $\mathfrak{H}$ (Be. Du.): (1) in ¹ only Job's birthday is mentioned as having been cursed by him; (2) in the sequel it is only this day that he curses (notice especially ^{7b. 11b}); (3) he is unlikely to have spoken of the same night as both the time of conception and (^{6. 7}) the time of birth; (4) *נבר* is a poet. word for *vir adultus*. Job was neither born nor conceived as a *נבר*; (5) Jer. (^{20¹⁴⁻¹⁸}) curses only the day of his birth, and uses the term *זכר*, *male* (¹⁵). On the other hand, (1) ¹ in any case does not summarize the whole ch.: if it does not summarize the whole, it need not mention more than the first and most prominent part of it; (2) and (3) it is quite possible that ⁶⁻¹⁰ refer to the night of conception; and even if they do not, a glance (^{3b}) at the time of conception is very natural and fitting in Job's position; (4) Job is speaking as a poet, not as a physiologist; and he may well use the term man (cp. *ἄνθρωπος*, John 16²¹), 'looking at what he essentially is, not at the stage of development he has reached' (Pe.). Even, however, though *נבר* be still deemed inappropriate, *זכר* might be accepted without *הנה*; (5) whatever be the original, the terms used by Jer. do not decide those which may have been used by Job. On the whole, though $\mathfrak{G}$ may be right, $\mathfrak{H}$ is not necessarily wrong." In addition to the considerations thus carefully balanced by Dr. there is yet

⁴ That day—let it be darkness!

Let not God inquire after it from above!

Neither let the light shine upon it!

⁵ Let darkness and black gloom claim it!

Let a cloud dwell upon it!

Let the blacknesses of the day terrify it!

another that weighs heavily in favour of $\mathfrak{G}$: Job's quarrel is not with his conception, but with his birth, with the fact that he had issued from the womb living into the world with its life of trouble and pain; to have been conceived, yet not to have been born, is indeed one of the two alternative fates—the silence of the womb or the silence of Sheol—that he desires; if his mother had miscarried, or he had been still-born, all would still, even in spite of his conception, have been well with him (16. 12; cp. 10^{18, 19}).

4-5. If it is too much for Job to expect his birthday to be blotted out of the year (³), may it at least, when it comes round, be a day of blackness, uncared for by God, unreached by His light, affrighted by appalling, preternatural obscurations!

4. *That day*] “ $\mathfrak{G}$ *that night*,”—no doubt a paraphrase due to ‘day’ being understood to refer to that part of the day which it must have referred to, if ^{3b} were understood, as $\mathfrak{G}$ understood it, of Job's *birth*” (Dr.).—*Let not God inquire after it*] viz. to give it its light when its time comes; let Him be indifferent to it, and leave it a day of darkness.—*Neither let*, etc.] as a consequence of God's not caring for it.

5. *Black gloom*] צְלִימָה, the strongest word which Heb. possesses to express the idea of *darkness*. If the rendering *shadow of death* (so $\mathfrak{H}$) is correct, the meaning will be darkness as intense as that of the abode of death, Sheol (Ges. *Thes.* “*tenebræ Orci*, i.e. *tenebræ densissimæ*”; cf. 10^{21, 22} 38¹⁷): if, however, it is to be regarded, with most moderns, not as a compound, but as an independent word (see phil. n.), it must be rendered by some other expression denoting intense darkness (RVm. *deep darkness*).—*Claim it*] The word (נָסַב) means properly to *claim effectively* property the possession of which has lapsed (i.e. to *redeem* it); the right, or duty, of doing this devolved

⁶ That night—let thick darkness take it!

Let it not rejoice among the days of the year!

Into the number of the months let it not come!

⁷ Lo, that night—let it be sterile!

Let no joyful voice come therein!

⁸ Let them curse it that ban the day!

Who are ready to rouse up Leviathan.

commonly upon the owner's nearest relation (the גֹּאֵל: see GOEL in *EBi.*); hence the idea is, as soon as the day appears, let darkness, as its nearest relation, at once assert it rights, and take possession of it.—*The blacknesses of day*] Let it not merely be taken possession of by ordinary darkness: let the appalling and abnormal obscurations, produced by eclipses, tornadoes, sandstorms, etc., such as are apt to darken the day, make it a day not of darkness only, but of terror. Cf. the descriptions of the "day" of Yahweh, Zeph. 1¹⁵, Joel 2² al.

6. *That night*] Bi. Du. omit (see above on 3-10). Honth. *that day*.—*Take*] with the implication of *take away* (Gn. 5²⁴), so that it can no more take its place in the year. *Seize on* (EVV.) does not quite express the right nuance.—*Rejoice among*] let it have no part in the band of happy days that make up the year. ט, vocalizing differently, has *be united to* (so AV. Hi. Me. Bu. Du. Sgf.): this is supported by the parallelism of the next clause; but the thought is more prosaic (Dr.; so Di. Pe.).

7. "While other nights ring with birthday gladness, let it sit barren" (Da.); let not there ever be heard in it the joyful sound of one announcing to the father the good news of the birth of a son and gladdening his heart thereby; cp. Jer. 20¹⁵ (שָׁמַח שְׂמֵחָהּ and בָּשָׂר).—*Sterile*] גִּלְמוֹר, *stony*, stone-barren, unproductive as the rock (Arab. *jalmud*, a rock, or mass of rock) 15³⁴ 30³, Is. 49²¹. Not the usual Heb. word for barren (עֲקָרָה).

8. *That ban the day*] enchanter or magicians reputed to have the power to make days unlucky,—either in general, or, in particular (cp. ^b), by producing eclipses, the day on which an eclipse occurred being considered inauspicious.—*To rouse up Leviathan*] i.e. the dragon which, according to ancient ideas,

⁹ Let the stars of its (morning-) twilight be dark !

Let it wait for light, but have none !

Neither let it look upon the eyelids of the dawn !

was supposed—and in many parts of the world is supposed still (see, *e.g.*, E. B. Tylor, *Primitive Culture*,³ i. 328 ff.)—when an eclipse occurred, either to swallow up the sun, or moon, or to surround it in its coils; an allusion to this idea is detected by some in 26¹³. Leviathan (לִיָּאָתָן), properly something *wreathed* or *coiled* (cp. לִיָּאָה, a *chaplet*, Pr. 1⁹ 4⁹), and denoting apparently the crocodile in 41^{1ff.} (40^{25ff.}). The crocodile, a symbol of Egypt in Ps. 74¹⁴, and a sea-monster in Ps. 104²⁶, is here an imaginary serpent-like monster, represented as stirred up to produce the eclipse by the incantations of the professional cursers. The ethnic parallels do not, however, furnish us with instances of attempts to make the eclipse-monster swallow the sun and so produce eclipses, but only of attempts to make it disgorge or let go of the sun, and so prevent or end eclipses. Du. explains differently: as in ^{5a.} b. ^{6a} he sees not ordinary darkness, but the darkness of chaos (Gn. 1²), which, rising up out of the deep, like a heavy cloud (^{5b}), may, Job hopes, overwhelm his birthday; so here in Leviathan he sees the chaos-dragon (Tiāmat) who, as a personification of the powers opposed to light, threatens the world of gods and men with destruction. When the enchanters disturb this monster, the *tohu wabohu*—the chaos which Jer. 4^{23ff.} so finely describes—threatens to break forth and engulf the day on which this takes place. A mythological allusion of this kind might readily occur in Job (cp. 7¹² 9¹³ 26^{12. 13}); but it may be doubted whether this explanation does not put more into Job's words than they naturally express. Gu. (*Schöpf. u. Chaos*, p. 59), Che. (*JQR*, 1897, p. 975; *ET* x. (1899) 380) Be. would read: "that lay a spell upon the sea" (ם' for יום); but this introduces an idea foreign to the context.

9. Let its morning stars, Venus and Mercury, the harbingers of day, never appear! Let it remain an endless night waiting for a dawn that never breaks. The idea is fully expressed in ^a and ^c, the stricter parallels, and ^b may be out of place (see

¹⁰ Because it shut not up the doors of my (mother's) womb,
Nor hid travail from my eyes!

above).—*Twilight*] *nesheph* denotes the *evening* twilight in 24¹⁵, Pr. 7⁹ al., and the *morning* twilight, as here, in 7⁴, Ps. 119¹⁴⁷.—*Wait for*] EVV. have the expressive rendering *look for* (so elsewhere, e.g., Is. 59¹¹, Jer 13¹⁶); but the figure is not in the Heb., קוה meaning simply to *wait*.—*The eyelids of the dawn*] a beautiful figure repeated, or imitated, in 41¹⁰⁽¹⁸⁾: the first crimson streaks of light which herald the rising sun; cp. Soph. Ant. 103, χρυσέας ἀμέρας βλέφαρον.

10. *Shut not up*, etc.] like similar but not identical phrases in Gn. 16² (עצרני מלדת), 20¹⁸ (עצר בעד רחם), 1 S. 1⁵ (סגר ר'), 6 (סגר בעד ר'), the phrase סגר דלתי בטני, *to shut the doors of the womb*, might here refer to prevention of conception, as פתח רחם, *to open the womb*, in Gn. 29³¹ 30²² means to render conception possible; in this case the subj. would be the night on which Job was conceived. But the phrase would obviously be equally suitable to the closing of the womb against the egress of the embryo; in this case the day (or night) of Job's birth (cp. ^b) is the subject, and the poet is giving a special turn to an idea that occurs elsewhere (Is. 37³ 66^{9a}). It can scarcely be more than an accident that the closing of doors, when mentioned in the OT., generally has in view the prevention of ingress (e.g. Gn. 19¹⁰, Neh. 6¹⁰, Is. 45¹) and rarely the prevention of egress (? 38⁸).—*My (mother's) womb*] Heb. *my womb*, i.e. the womb which bare me: so, though other views have been taken, 19¹⁷.—*Travail*] Heb. עמל, properly *labour* (Qoh. 1³ 2¹⁰ etc.; Ps. 90¹⁰), *toil* (cp. the vb. Ps. 127¹); hence fig. *travail* (EVV. usually *trouble*), Ps. 10¹⁴ 25¹⁸ etc., Is. 53¹¹ (cp. the adj. below, v.²⁰): when prepared by the wicked for others, generally rendered in EVV. for distinctness *mischief* (15³⁵, Ps. 7¹⁵, 17 (14, 16) 10⁷, 14 etc.).

11-26. To the curse succeeds the questioning and complaint, in two unequal paragraphs, each beginning with "wherefore"—11-19 (nine distichs) and 20-26 (seven distichs). The curse reveals Job's deep and passionate judgment of the facts of his life: it is travail, travail so bitter that the day that

- ¹¹ Why did I not die from the womb,
 Come forth from the belly, and expire?
¹² Why did the knees receive me?
 Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
¹³ For then should I have lain down and been quiet;
 I should have slept; then were I at rest:

failed to prevent this existence deserves the severest malediction. But malediction does not alter the fact; Job is alive, and Job's life is travail. Why? If he was not to perish in the womb (¹⁶), but to come out through its doors into the world of life, yet why, even so, did he not die at once, before he could become conscious of the travail of life? Why (^{11f.}) the bitter mockery, as it seems now, of his parents' welcome to him and care for his infant life? That care had robbed him of the great prize (^{21f.}) of death, and had forced on him misery (²⁰⁻²⁶) in place of the stillness and peace of death (¹³⁻¹⁰). Job disregards here (see introductory note to the ch.) not only the long years of happiness that he had previously enjoyed, but also the drearier aspects of Sheol, which elsewhere he could vividly portray. At present his mind is filled with the thought of life as travail, and death as rest.

II. Du. may be right in placing ¹⁶ immediately after ¹¹ (see phil. n.). The two verses would then read together thus:

Why did I not die from the womb,
 Come forth from the belly, and expire?
 Or (why) was I not like a hidden untimely birth,
 As infants which never saw the light?

From the womb] i.e. immediately after birth. *¶* "in the womb" is not to be preferred.

12. *The knees*] commonly explained of the knees of the father, on which the newborn child was laid as a mark of acceptance and legitimation; cp. Gn. 50²³.—*Receive me*] Prop. *come in front of me, come to meet me*—with some service or kindness (e.g. Dt. 23⁵, with food).

14-15. He would, moreover, instead of being an outcast, lying in squalor, and an object of contempt to all (19^{13ff.}, 30^{1. 9ff.}),

- 14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
 Who built 'pyramids' (?) for themselves ;
 15 Or with princes that had gold,
 Who filled their houses with silver :
 16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been ;
 As infants which never saw light.
 17 There the wicked cease (their) raging ;
 And there the weary be at rest.

have at least been in the company of the wealthy and illustrious dead.—*Counsellors of the earth*] 12¹⁷.—*Pyramids*] MT. has, "who built up waste places for themselves" (so Σ), *i.e.* who *re*-built ruined cities or habitations (so Is. 58¹² 61⁴ al.), that they might inhabit them themselves. This, however, yields a poor sense ; kings do not usually attain fame by *re*-building ruined sites. חרבות may be an error for הַכִּלּוֹת, *palaces* (Be.), or (Ol. Di.) אַרְמֻנוֹת, *fortified palaces* ; or (Ew. Bu. Du.) it may be a corruption of הַרְמוֹת, *pyramids* (cf. Arab. *hirām*, a pyramid, which *may* be of Egypt. origin) : the allusion, in this case, will be to the pyramids built for themselves as mausoleums by the kings of Egypt. "Palaces" would be mentioned, like the gold and silver of v.¹⁵, as an indication of the earthly greatness of those with whom Job would then be : "pyramids" would, in addition, suggest impressively the placid sleep of those who lay buried in them.

16. Or (attaching to ¹³), like one prematurely born, put away at once out of sight, or (^{16b}) like a stillborn child, he would have had no existence at all : if he had not been with the famous dead, he would, at least, have been equally removed from life and its troubles.—*An untimely birth*] נִפְלַ (ἄ ἐκταρσῆμα, as 1 Cor. 15⁸), as Ps. 58⁹, Qoh. 6³ †.

17-19. He dwells on the thought of the peacefulness of Sheol,—a peacefulness shared in by all alike.

17. *Raging*] the Heb. is a *subst.*, and cannot have the transitive sense of *troubling* (EVV.). The idea of רָגַז is *strong agitation* ; the vb. רָגַז is lit. to *shake* (intrans.) *violently*, as mountains, Is. 5²⁵ ; then fig., of different strong emotions, usually of terror (Ex. 15¹⁴, Dt. 2²⁵, Is. 32¹⁰), but also of wrath (Is. 28²¹, Pr. 29⁹), surprise (Is. 14⁹), violent grief (2 S. 19¹).

¹⁸ (There) the captives are at ease together;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.

¹⁹ The small and great are there;
And the servant is free from his master.

²⁰ Why doth he give light to him that is in travail,
And life unto the bitter in soul;

So רָנָן, *agitation* (though it cannot always be rendered in English by the same word), is used in 37² of the rolling of thunder, Hab. 3² of wrath, in ch. 3²⁶ of a tumult of feeling, 14¹ (cf. Is. 14³) of the unrest of life, here of the turbulence of passion (cf. for the unrest of the wicked, Is. 57²⁰). The "troubling" of others may be a consequence of this; but it is not itself the idea which רָנָן expresses.

18. *Captives*] As ^b shows, captives employed in forced labour, like the Israelites in Egypt. EVV. *prisoners*; but this so much suggests persons who are imprisoned, that it is here misleading and unsuitable. The Heb. (lit. *the bound*) is not limited to persons imprisoned, but is used in the broader sense of those confined in captivity (Ps. 69³⁴ 102²¹).—*The voice of the taskmaster*] (Ex. 3⁷ 5^{6, 10, 13, 14}), urging them to their work with shouts and curses. The word means properly the *hard-presser* (Is. 3¹² 9³ 14^{2, 4}; in the exaction of money, Dt. 15^{2, 3}, 2 K. 23³⁵).

20-26. Why does God prolong life to those who in general (²⁰⁻²²), and like Job in particular (²³⁻²⁶), in their misery, long only for death?

20. *Doth he give*] or, is given (see phil. n.). He does not name, though he alludes to God; and the indirect reference, though partly due to reverence, betrays a rising alienation in his heart (Da.). He hints in ²³ that he owes his calamity to God; but it is only after Eliphaz's rebuke (c. 5) that he says it outright (6⁴).—*Him that is in travail*] Lit. *one labouring, toiling*; cognate to the word rendered *travail* in ¹⁰.—*Bitter in soul*], i.e. soured, disappointed, aggrieved. The combination (with adj., verb, or subst.) is frequent: Jg. 18²⁵, 1 S. 1¹⁰ 22² 30⁶, 2 S. 17⁸ (as a bear robbed of its cubs).

21. *Search*] Lit. *dig* (Ex. 7²⁴); but 11¹⁸ 39²⁹ show that the

- 21 Who long for death, but it cometh not ;
 And search for it more than for hid treasures ;
 22 Who are glad unto exultation,
 And rejoice, when they find the grave ?
 23 Unto a man whose way is hid,
 And whom God hath hedged in ?
 24 For instead of (?) my bread my sighing cometh,
 And my roarings are poured out like water.
 25 For I fear a fear, and it cometh upon me,
 And that which I dread cometh unto me.

word may be used without any thought of its lit. meaning : cf. Pr. 2⁴ (וכמטמונים חפשינה). It is, however, specially apposite here, as מטמונים (from טמן √, “to hide”) were often “hidden” in the earth (Jer. 41⁸ בי יש לנו מטמונים בשדה חטים וג', Jos. 7²¹ טמונים בארץ).

23. *A man*, etc.] Job's way is “hid,” so that he cannot see in which direction to turn, and “hedged in,” so that he knows no way of escape from the difficulties in which he finds himself. The reference is not, perhaps, merely to his physical sufferings, but also to the mental distress occasioned by them: the sense that the calamities which have befallen him are undeserved, the difficulty of reconciling them with his belief in the justice of God,—these form a riddle which he cannot solve, and place him in a situation of dire perplexity, from which he can find no outlet (cf. 19^{6ff.}).—*Hedged in*] (virtually) the word used by the Satan in 1¹⁰ in a different sense: there of the protection which God had thrown around Job, here of the mental embarrassment which His treatment of him had occasioned. Cf. for the figure, Hos. 2⁸, c. 19⁸, La. 3⁷.

24. *Instead of (?) my bread*] the rendering is doubtful (see phil. n.). For the thought, cf. Ps. 42⁴ (3) 80⁶ (5).—*Cometh*] Cometh constantly or regularly: the sense of the Heb. impf.—*My roarings*] Properly, the *roaring* of a lion (4¹⁰); then fig. of loud groanings or complaints; so Ps. 22² 32³; cf. 38⁹.—*As water*] In a continuous stream.

25. *I fear a fear*] he has but to imagine some direful misfortune, and it comes upon him.

26 I have no ease, and no quiet,
And no rest; and (yet) torment cometh.

IV. ¹ And Eliphaz the Temanite answered, and said,

26. His hopeless monotony of unrest. He has no time to breathe (9¹⁸), no time to recover from one thought of agony or despair before another overwhelms him.—*Torment*] the strong word (רָגַז) explained on ¹⁷. Here it denotes the vehement tumult of feeling—sense of injustice and desertion by God, despair, alarm (cf. 7¹¹⁻¹⁴)—produced, directly or indirectly, by his disease. Cf. the רָגַז לֵב, or “agitated heart,” which Israel, in its anxiety for its life, its restlessness, its constant fear, is to have when in exile (Dt. 28⁶⁵, cf. 66-67).

IV. V. *Eliphaz's first speech*.—Silent a whole week through, while Job was silent (2¹³), the friends are driven into speech by his words; partly from their concern for God, for Job's words, though not directly and by name accusing God, must have seemed to border on blasphemy, so that God needed to be defended (13^{7L} 42⁷); partly from their concern for Job, lest his attitude under trial (4⁵) should annul the merit of a life of piety (4⁶), and prevent that restoration to happiness which must certainly follow a humble acceptance of present calamity (5⁸⁻²⁷). Eliphaz is the first of the friends to speak, probably because he was the eldest of them (cp. 15¹⁰, if this is a covert allusion to Eliphaz's own age, and 32⁶, where Elihu explains that, as the youngest, he had kept silence to the last), or, perhaps, because he was the most eminent (cp. 29⁸) of them. He begins with a word of apology (4²), and of surprise that Job, who has so often comforted others in their adversity, should, in his own trouble, abandon himself to despair (3⁵). Then, so far from making an immediate attack upon Job, he recalls Job's former perfect life; and to enforce the point that this should even now give him hope and confidence (6), he utters some general truths: the righteous man never *perished* under affliction (7): it is the wicked who receive the reward of their deeds (8¹¹): above all, he had learnt by a mysterious revelation that no man is righteous before God (12-21). He now turns to Job,

² If one attempt a word with thee, wilt thou be impatient?
But to restrain words, who is able?

advising him to apply these truths to himself. Resentment against God only incurs disaster (⁵¹⁻⁷). In Job's place he would betake himself to God (⁸), whose government of the world is wonderful and good (⁹⁻¹⁶), and whose chastisements are designed only to lead to ultimate blessing (¹⁷⁻²⁶): let Job take heed (²⁷).

In this first speech, Eliphaz, for the most part, applies his theory of life and of God's dealings to Job's case with consideration and tenderness; yet, in ⁴⁵, he is rather "joining words together against Job" than placing himself in Job's place (¹⁶⁴), so as to be able to do for Job, in this greater distress, what Job had been wont to do to others; Job used to speak to those in danger of despair, but not, like Eliphaz in ⁵, merely to tell them what poltroons they were; and to the bereaved (²⁹^{12f.}), but not merely, as Eliphaz in ⁵²⁵, almost oblivious of the poignancy of the sudden loss of children, to speak conventionally of others yet to be.

2. Eliphaz begins with a question, as also in ¹⁵² ²²²; and so Bildad in ⁸² ¹⁸¹, Šophar in ¹¹¹; indeed, the only speeches of the friends not opening with a question are Šophar's second (²⁰²) and Bildad's (mutilated) third (²⁵²) speech. — *If one attempt*, etc.] for an alternative translation of $\mathfrak{H}$, see phil. n. It is doubtful whether $\mathfrak{C}$, on which Be.^k is inclined to base a variant, is more than a paraphrase of $\mathfrak{H}$. ^a is overlong in $\mathfrak{H}$, but also in $\mathfrak{C}$; it may originally have been shorter and more closely parallel to ^b. — *Impatient*] Heb. *wearied*. "Grieved" in EVV. is an archaism for *troubled* or *harassed*: and "commune" is an archaism for "speak."

3, 4. The second lines of each v. are complete parallels to one another, and, if united, would give a distich of the type a. b. c | a'. b'. c'; with slight variations they actually do occur elsewhere (Is. ³⁵³), so united in a distich of the form a. b. c | b'. c'. a' (cp. *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, p. 66 f.). In spite of this, it is unnecessary and even inadvisable to transpose ^{3b} and ^{4a}; the parallelism of ^{3a} with ^{3b} and ^{4a} with ^{4b}, though incomplete, is entirely normal (*Forms*, pp. 59 f., 72 ff.).

- ³ Behold, thou hast instructed many,
 And slack hands thou hast been wont to strengthen.
⁴ Him that was stumbling, thy words would raise up,
 And bowing knees thou wouldst confirm.
⁵ Because now it cometh unto thee, and thou art impatient,
 It reacheth unto thee, and thou art dismayed.
⁶ Is not thy fear (of God) thy confidence,
 'And¹ thy hope the perfectness of thy ways?

3. *Instructed*] *i.e.* according to the proper meaning of יָסַר, "instructed *morally*" (see Dr. on Dt. 4³⁶), teaching them, for instance, to view their afflictions as a father's chastening, and as having a moral purpose.—*Slack*] or, *hanging down*, a sign of helplessness and despondency.

4. *Him that was stumbling* and *the bowing knees* are both figures for those unable to bear up under the weight of affliction; cp. Is. 35³ (of the despondent Israelites in exile).

5. *Because*] gives the reason why Eliphaz speaks as he has done in ² (*Lex.* 474a); at the first taste of trouble, so it seems to Eliphaz the onlooker, Job has broken down entirely, losing patience and self-possession. With this reason for venturing to speak, the apologetic introduction to the speech is at an end; the speech proper, which Eliphaz feels compelled to address to Job, begins with ⁶.

6. Having briefly and rather indirectly expressed his surprise at, and disapprobation of, Job's words and present temper (^{2,5}), Eliphaz starts the main argument of his speech with a recognition of Job's character as reflected in his life before trouble came; he admits that Job had been perfect (see on 1¹), and his life regulated by "fear" (יִרְאָה), which Eliphaz (15⁴ 22⁴), but he only, uses absolutely in the sense of the more usual phrase, "fear of God"; cp. the adj. in 1¹). This being so, Job ought not to have lost confidence and hope; since, however, as his words had shown, he had done so for the moment at least, Eliphaz proceeds, in the light of his own observation of life (⁸), to show (^{7,8}) why a "perfect" man has no need to despair even if affliction comes to him.

7 Remember, I pray thee, who (ever) perished, being
innocent ?

Or where were the upright cut off ?

8 According as I have seen, they that plow naughtiness,
And they that sow trouble, reap it.

9 By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of his anger are they consumed.

7-9. No *righteous* man ever perished under affliction ; if the righteous suffer, their afflictions are disciplinary only, and not intended for their destruction. It is the wicked who, if they fall into misfortune, are reaping the fruits of their own misdeeds. Eliphaz's theodicy is that of the old-fashioned school represented by the author of Ps. 37. It is not very tactfully expressed, however : Job's longing was to find release from misery by death : it is the reward of the righteous, Eliphaz begins, that they do not die (*i.e.* before completing the full tale of life).

8. *Naughtiness*] 'Āwen seems to denote properly what is *empty, disappointing, valueless*; and it is used in different senses, according to the context. Thus it denotes (a) *calamity, misfortune*, Am. 5⁵, Bethel shall come to *misfortune* (יָהִי לָאָוֶן); Pr. 12²¹ no *calamity* (יָהִי) will happen to the righteous; 22⁸ He that soweth unrighteousness reapeth *misfortune*; (b), as here, *naught-y* conduct, *naughtiness*, a term of disparagement for wickedness, as Mic. 2¹ Ah, they that devise *naughtiness*, and work evil upon their beds; Ps. 7¹⁵ 10⁷ 36^{4, 5} etc., and often in the expression אָוֶן לֵב, Ps. 5⁶⁽⁵⁾ etc.; (c) a *thing of nought*, especially an *idol*, Is. 66³ He that burneth incense is as (= no better than) he that blesseth a *thing of nought* (an idol), Zec. 10². For the figures, expressing significantly how the consequence follows inevitably from the action, cf. Hos. 8⁷ 10¹³ and Pr. 22⁸. —*Trouble*] טָרָח, the word explained on 3¹⁰. The meaning of the verse is thus that those who "plow," 'āwen, in the form of "naughtiness," will reap it in the form of "misfortune," and that those who "sow," 'āmāl, or "travail," for others will reap it in its consequences themselves.

9. The verse describes what the "harvest" implied in 8^b is. The underlying figure is that of herbage, withered and burned

¹⁰ The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the loud lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are dashed out.

¹¹ The stout lion perisheth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

¹² But to me was a word brought stealthily,
And mine ear received a whisper from it.

up by a hot blast blowing up from the desert, with which Yahweh's breath is implicitly compared. Cf. Hos. 13¹⁵ ("the sirocco shall come, *the breath* [or *wind*] of Yahweh, coming up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up"), Is. 40⁷.

10-11. Another graphic figure describing the sudden destruction of the wicked: the breaking-up and dispersion of a den of lions: the lions, powerful and terrible as they were, have their strength broken by a sudden blow; the old lion perishes for lack of food, and the cubs are dispersed. Cf. 5²⁻⁵, where the actual breaking-up of the home of the wicked is described. The sudden blow is described in ¹⁰ by the perf. tense; the ptc. and impf. in ¹¹ describe what then follows. *Are dashed out* (same word as Ps. 58⁷) belongs properly only to *teeth*; *roaring* and *voice* are connected with it by zeugma.

12-21. Let Job remember that no man can be pure before God. Eliphaz has insisted that no righteous man *perishes* in his afflictions; but the question still remains, What is the cause of Job's afflictions? This, he proceeds to impress upon Job, was not anything peculiar to Job himself: it was the general imperfection of all created beings, which Job shares not only with other men, but even with angels, the highest and purest of God's creatures. This truth he places before Job with delicacy and consideration: it had been impressed upon him by a voice from heaven, coming in the still hours of night: Job might not have had such an experience: Eliphaz thus at once excuses Job, and also instructs him.

12. To me] The words are emphatic: they contrast what was revealed to Eliphaz personally (cp. 15¹¹ 22²²) with what Job and other persons might have learnt from ordinary experi-

- ¹³ Amid thoughts (arising) out of visions of the night,
 When deep sleep falleth on men,
¹⁴ Fear came upon me, and trembling,
 And filled my bones with dread.

ence.—*A whisper from it*] “His ear caught it all, but the whole of it was but a whisper” (Da.).

13-16. How the truth was borne in upon him which he desires to impress upon Job. It was in the dead of night, when all around were in deep sleep. His mind was agitated by perplexing thoughts arising out of visions of the night. Suddenly a great terror fell upon him; and he was conscious of a breath, or cold wind, passing before him. Then he seemed to perceive a figure standing before him, too dim, however, to be discerned distinctly, from which came forth a still voice, which said, Can a mortal be just before God, or can a man be pure before his Maker?

13. *Thoughts*] The word (שִׁעָפִים, 20^{2†}; cf. שִׁרְעָפִים, Ps. 94¹⁹ 139^{23†}) seems to denote *divided* (cf. μερμηρηζω), tangled, perplexing thoughts.—*Deep sleep*] 33¹⁵, Gn. 2²¹ 15¹², 1 S. 26¹², Pr. 19¹⁵.

14b. Lit. *made the multitude of my bones to fear*, i.e. my bones, as many as they are: as we should say, *my whole frame*. The *bones*, as the supporting framework of the body, are often in Heb. poetry taken as representing it; and affections, and even emotions, pervading or affecting strongly a man's being, are poetically attributed to them, or conceived as operating in them. See, for instance, Pr. 3⁸ (wisdom, *moisture* to thy bones), 12⁴ (a bad wife, *rottenness* in the bones), 15³⁰ (שְׁמוּעָה טוֹבָה חֲדָשׁ עֵצִים), 17²² (רוּחַ נִבְאָה חִיבֵשׁ נֶרֶם); in prosperity they “sprout,” Is. 66¹⁴ (וְעִצְמוֹתֵיכֶם כִּדְשָׁא תִפְרַחְנָה); in sickness or trouble they are parched up, Jb. 30³⁰, Ps. 102⁴ (עִצְמוֹתַי כְּמוֹקֵד נָחְרוּ), cf. Lam. 1¹³ (שָׁלַח אֵשׁ בְּעִצְמוֹתַי), or shrivelled, Ps. 31¹¹⁽¹⁰⁾ (וְעִצְמִי עֵשָׂשׁוּ), or wear away, 32³ (בָּלוּ עִצְמִי); in great fear “rottenness” enters into them (Hab. 3¹⁶); in deep emotion they are dismayed, Ps. 63⁽²⁾ (נִבְהָלוּ עִצְמִי), or rejoice, 51^{10(s)} (תִּגְלִינָה עִצְמוֹת רַבִּית), and Ps. 35¹⁰ in the praise of God they even “speak.” And so here they “fear” (not “quake,” EVV.).

- ¹⁵ And a breath passed before my face;
 The hair of my flesh bristled up.
¹⁶ It stood still, but I discerned not its appearance;
 (It was) a form before mine eyes:
 I heard a still voice (saying),
¹⁷ "Can a mortal be just before God?
 Or can a man be pure before his Maker?"

15-16. Notice the graphic imperfects.

15. *A breath*] An uncanny breath, or cold air, the symbol of a presence which he could not discern, seemed to pass over him. רוּחַ, "spirit," does not occur in the OT. in the sense of an apparition (EVV.).

16. *It* (1)] the mysterious object in his presence.—*A form*] Heb. תְּמוּנָה denoting here a form, the presence of which could be felt, though its appearance or contour could not be distinctly descried: cf. of the intangible, yet quasi-sensual, manifestation of Yahweh which was vouchsafed to Moses (Nu. 12⁸), and to which the Psalmist aspires to be admitted (Ps. 17¹⁵⁽¹⁴⁾); and see Dr. on Dt. 4¹².—*A still voice*] Lit. *stillness and a voice*—a hendiadys = *a still low voice*. Cf. 1 K. 19¹² קוֹל רִמְמָה דָּקָה, "*the sound (or a voice) of thin stillness*" = "*a still, small voice*."

17-21. The contents of the revelation. V. 17 states the revelation itself; 18-21 gives the proof of it. With 17-19 compare 15¹⁴⁻¹⁶ (Eliphaz), 25⁴⁻⁶ (Bildad), where the argument and largely also the expressions are similar.

17. *Just before God*] see phil. n. The grammatically possible alternative rendering "more just than God" (EV.) is unsuitable, and whatever may be the case in 32² (Elihu) was not intended here, as 18 shows. *Before God* and *before his Maker* are emphatic: men might judge a man just and pure, not so God, who finds even angels imperfect, and, *a fortiori*, men. For Job's attitude to the subject of this revelation, see 9². It is noticeable that Eliphaz even here rather implies an identification of omnipotence and absolute moral purity; God is omnipotent and all-just (17); the angels, as His servants, are inferior to Him in power and in liability to error (18); men subject to the frailties of the body and the transitoriness of

- 18 " Behold, in his servants he putteth no trust;
And his angels he chargeth with error:
19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust.
They are crushed before the moth;
20 Betwixt morning and evening they are beaten to pieces.
Without any heeding, they perish for ever.
21 If their (tent-) cord is plucked up within them,
Do they not die, and that without wisdom?"

human life are by far inferior to the angels in power, and in moral standing before God (¹⁹).

18. *His servants*] i.e. (cp. ^b) His heavenly attendants.—*Error*] or, changing a letter, *folly*: see phil. n.

19. *Houses of clay*] bodies made of clay (cp. 10⁹ 33⁶), or dust (Gn. 2⁷ 3¹⁹, 1 Cor. 15⁴⁷ ἐκ γῆς, χοϊκός). For the fig. "houses," cp. 2 Cor. 5¹ ἡ ἐπίγειος ἡμῶν οἰκία τοῦ σκήνους: Wis. 9⁵ τὸ γεῶδες σκῆνος: 2 P. 1¹⁴ ἡ ἀπόθεσις τοῦ σκηνώματός μου.—*Whose foundations*, etc.] their very foundation is of the earth; they are derived from earth, and limited to earth. And that being so, they are the more fragile and destructible. For "foundations" as a figure for the "conditions of existence" (Bu.), cp. 22¹⁶ (Eliphaz) and Pr. 10²⁵.

19c, 20a. These lines are obvious parallels (cp. *Forms*, 70; cp. 66 f.) forming together a distich, which expresses the frailty and, hyperbolically, the brevity of human life: man is the creature of a day, dying more quickly and easily than such a fragile insect as the moth (^{19c}; cp. Is. 51⁶), born in the morning and dead before nightfall (^{20a}; cp. Is. 38¹², Ps. 90^{5t}). The verbs, expressing man's destruction, appear to be chosen with reference to the clay houses of their bodies (¹⁹); it is true that the first (ירכאום) is elsewhere used metaphorically (*Lex.*), but here it seems to be literal: they are *crushed* or pulverized back into the fine dust (רכא, Ps. 90³) from which they were made (Gn. 3¹⁹, Qoh. 12⁷), *beaten to pieces* or reduced to fragments (יכתו: of a potter's vessel, Is. 30¹⁴).

20b, 21. Scarcely a tristich; but whether apparently so, or an isolated stichos and distich, the form is suspicious and the

V. ¹ Call now; is there any that will answer thee?

And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?

text contains some questionable features (see phil. n.).—*Without any heeding*] if the text is correct, this should mean: so insignificant are they no one notices them, or cares for their fate.

21. If the text is correct, the end of life is compared to the collapse of a tent as soon as the cord holding it in its place is plucked up; if the figure be pressed, the body will correspond to the tent (cp. Is. 38¹² “my habitation (דֶּרֶךְ)—fig. for *my body*—is *plucked up*, and carried away from me like a shepherd's tent”), and the life to the cord. The v. emphasises the quickness and completeness of man's end. Elsewhere the end of life is represented by the figure of cutting off a thread (6⁹, Is. 38^{12b}), or cutting the cord which suspends a lamp (Qoh. 12⁸).—*And that without wisdom*] Eliphaz has pointed out the physical imperfections of human nature; here he reverts to the point (17-19a) which the thought of these is intended to lead up to, viz. its *moral* imperfection; men die without having attained wisdom, *i.e.* without having realized the moral limitations of human nature, without having perceived—as Job, for instance, has not perceived—that no man (17) can be morally perfect.

V. 1-7. Since no man can be just before God, it is only the foolish who resent God's dealings with them, and, in consequence, bring upon themselves disaster.

I. *Call now, is there any, etc.*] “The imperative is not ironical, but merely a very animated way of putting a supposition: if thou appeal then against God, is there any that will hear thee or aid thee?” (Da.).—*Holy ones*] *angels*: so 15¹⁵ (Eliphaz); also Zec. 14⁵, Ps. 89^{6, 8}, Dn. 4^{10, 14, 20} 8¹³, Ecclus. 42¹⁷, En. 1⁹ (and very often: see Charles, n. *ad loc.*). The heavenly beings are so termed, not on account of moral perfection (ct. 4¹⁸), but of their proximity to God. The v. appears to indicate that the writer was familiar with the custom of seeking the intercession of angels (cp., perhaps, 33²³, Elihu). The germ of this custom, though not the custom itself, may be found in

² (Nay); for it is the foolish man, whom vexation killeth,
And the silly one whom jealousy slayeth.

Zec. 1¹², where the angel of Yahweh, voluntarily and unsought by man, intercedes with God on behalf of Jerusalem. Later, Raphael is represented as bringing the "memorial of the prayer" of Tobit and Sara before God (Tob. 12¹²), and (Tob. 12¹⁵ ע^{BA}) as one of the seven angels who present the prayers of the saints; "the holy ones of heaven" are besought by the souls of the righteous dead to bring their cause before God (En. 9^{3.10}); and in En. 15² it is implied that angels are the natural intercessors for men: see, further, on this doctrine between 200 B.C. and 100 A.D., Charles's n. on Test. Levi 3⁵. Though the doctrine of angelic intercession found here is different from, and presumably a later development than, that of Zec. 1¹² (518 B.C.), and finds no clear and exact parallel earlier than Enoch (2nd cent. B.C.), it is scarcely necessary on this ground to treat the v. as a marginal comment on 4¹⁸ that subsequently found its place here (Du.); and if the connection between 4²¹ and 5¹ is not altogether obvious, neither would that between 4²¹ and 5² be closer (see Peake's criticism of Du.); for, as Bu. and Peake point out, 4²¹ speaks of the common lot of frail man; 5^{2ff.} of the destruction of fools in particular. And, again, 5¹ may stand related to 5⁸: let not Job appeal to the angels, thereby manifesting the irritation of the foolish; but let him turn in the right temper to God Himself.

2. Since no man can be just before God, it is foolish, and indeed fatal, to cherish vexation or resentment at misfortune.—*Vexation*] $\text{בְּעֵץ} (\text{בְּעַם})$ means always the feeling of chagrin aroused by treatment regarded (rightly or wrongly) as unmerited. Only the foolish man displays it under misfortune. Cf. especially Pr. 12¹⁶ "As for the fool, his *vexation* is made known presently."—*Killeth* || *slayeth*] viz., by causing them to murmur at their lot, and so bring upon themselves further calamities.—*The silly one*] פֹּתֵה : cp. יוֹנָה פֹּתֵה , a *silly* dove, Hos. 7¹¹. The term is akin to the more frequent פֹּתִי , the simple, credulous (Pr. 14¹⁵) man; see Toy on Pr. 14¹⁵.—*Jealousy*] קִנְיָה is parallel to בְּעֵץ , *vexation*, as are the corresponding vbs. in Dt. 32^{16. 21}. The word is here

³ I have seen the foolish taking root;

But his habitation [†] was cursed [†] suddenly.

⁴ Far now are his children from safety,

And they are crushed in the gate with none to deliver
them.

almost equal to *passion, passionate anger*: cp. Pr. 14³⁰, Is. 42¹³ (a warrior's passion).

3-5. Eliphaz cites an instance from his own experience (see 4⁸) confirming the truth stated in ²: he saw a "foolish" man prospering for a time, but suddenly overtaken by misfortune.—*Taking root*] The fig. is that of a tree, which is common in Job (8^{16f.} 14⁷⁻⁹ 15³² 18¹⁶ 19¹⁰ 24²⁰ 29¹⁹).—*Was cursed*, etc.] [†] *I cursed*; his habitation having been ruined, I suddenly cursed it as the abode of one who had been a sinner (cf. Ps. 37^{35f.} I passed by it, and, lo, it was gone, etc.). But "suddenly" goes badly with "I cursed": what we expect is a verb, stating directly what happened to the habitation, as, *e.g.*, that the curse of God fell on it: others, emending differently, render "was worm-eaten," or "was emptied out," or "was laid waste" (see phil. n.).—*Habitation* (הֶבְלָה)] properly a pastoral term, meaning a *homestead*, or *abode of shepherds and flocks* (Is. 65¹⁰, Jer. 23³), but often used in poetry of a habitation in general (as Pr. 3³³, Is. 33²⁰).

4. The effects of the disaster upon his family: deprived of their protector, his children are helpless, and cannot get their just rights. In the mention of the fate of the foolish man's house and family, there is an indirect glance at what has happened to Job himself (1¹⁴⁻¹⁹). The "gate" (or rather "gateway,"—a passage of some length with seats on both sides) of an Eastern city was the place where justice was often administered; see, *e.g.*, c. 31²¹, Dt. 25⁷, Am. 5¹⁰, Is. 29²¹, Ps. 127⁵ (where a man with a number of stalwart sons to support him can "speak" successfully "with his enemies in the gate"). With *are crushed*, comp. Pr. 22²² "Rob not the poor because he is poor; and *crush not* the afflicted *in the gate*." On this *v.* Wetzstein remarks (*ap. Del.*² p. 84), "What a Semite dreads more than anything is the desolation of his family, so that its

⁵ That which 'they have reaped' the hungry eateth,
 And 'their sheaf the poor taketh' (?),
 And 'the thirsty draweth from their well' (?).

⁶ For affliction cometh not forth from the dust,
 Neither doth travail spring out of the ground;

members all perish or come to misery, his home is laid waste, and its ruins become a proverb for future generations." This feeling is particularly strong among the Bedawin, although naturally in their case there can be no question of the traces left by their hair-tents.

5. The fate of the foolish man's possessions: with none to protect them, his crops become the prey of the hungry Bedawi plunderer. Literally rendered, *H* reads: whose (sing.) harvest the hungry eateth, and unto from (*sic*) thorns he taketh it, and the snare is eager for their substance. Some of this is impossible, more improbable (see phil. n.). Alternative emendations of ^c give: And the thirsty drinketh their milk (or, their wine). If, as is probable, "thirsty" is correctly restored in ^c, ^b which would then separate the more immediate parallels "hungry" and "thirsty" may well be intrusive and responsible for an original distich becoming a tristich.

6-7. Eliphaz justifies ("For") his position, that it is foolish to complain of misfortune, by the principle that travail (³¹⁰ n.) and affliction (*אָנָה*, ⁴⁸ n.) do not spring out of the earth like weeds, are not something external to man, which might come upon him undeservedly, but result from causes inherent in human nature: Job ought not, therefore, to be surprised if he has to experience them. Eliphaz, as before (⁴¹⁷⁻¹⁹), seeks to make it easy for Job to reconcile himself to his position, by showing him that his case is no exceptional one, but merely the exemplification of a general law: there is nothing strange in his suffering affliction; for it is natural to man so to do.

6. *Cometh forth*] of vegetable growth, as ¹⁴² ³¹⁴⁰, Dt. ¹⁴²², Is. ¹¹¹.—*The dust*] the soil: so ⁸¹⁹ (n.). "The dust" and "the ground," like "the dust" and "the earth" in ¹⁴⁸, and like the vbs. in both lines, here simply belong to the fig. of vegetable growth: and it is a mistake, therefore, to detect in

⁷ But man is born unto travail,
As sparks fly upwards.

“from the dust” an implied contrast to “from on high” (Peake).—*Spring out*] צִמַּח is used regularly of trees, vegetation, etc., growing up from the ground: cp. Gn. 2⁵ 41⁶.

7. *Is born unto trouble*, etc.] “It is as natural for man to experience misfortune as it is for sparks (see phil. n.) to fly upwards. If pressed, Eliphaz would have said that man did not merely fall into misfortune, but brought misfortune upon himself by following the impulses of his evil nature; but in his first speech he keeps the question of Job’s sin in the background, and alludes to it as lightly and indirectly as possible” (Dr.). This interpretation (see also on 6.7: and cp. Di. al.) has appeared to some to labour under difficulties either in itself, or as an interpretation of an original part of Eliphaz’s speech. To avoid what appears to them inconsistency with other parts of Eliphaz’s speech, We. (*Jahrb. f. deutsche Theologie*, xvi. 557), Sgf. Be. Du. om. vv.^{6.7}. Bu. finds the sense almost identical with that of 4⁸—that man is actively responsible for his own misfortune; and, pointing the vb. in 7^a as a Hif., renders: But man begets travail. Du. urges that 6 is pointless, since Job has not urged the contrary, and, taken affirmatively, inconsistent with Eliphaz’s position in 4^{10ff.}; nor is it probable that 6 should be taken interrogatively: torn, as they are, from their context the vv. remain obscure. Peake, not perhaps without reason, questions whether “not from the dust” in 6 really means not without a cause, and hazards the suggestion that 6 may originally have affirmed what it now denies (cp. Richter, who proposes הָלַל for לָא (כִּי לָא), and that the meaning was: man is doomed to travail by the conditions of his earthly life, but (v. 7^b) the angels escape, since they soar high above the earth. But the assumption that “sons of flame” mean not “sparks” but “angels” (☩ *demons*), is precarious.

8-16. Were Eliphaz in Job’s place, he would betake himself to God, who in His rule of the world is guided uniformly by purposes of good (10-16), and who, even when He sends chastisements, designs them as a blessing (17-27).

- ⁸ But as for me, I would seek unto God,
 And unto God would I lay out my cause:
⁹ Who doeth great things and unsearchable,
 Marvellous things without number:
¹⁰ Who giveth rain upon the earth,
 And sendeth waters upon the fields:
¹¹ Who¹ setteth up on high those that be low;
 And they which mourn are exalted to safety.

8. *But*] In the Heb. a strong adversative (²⁵), marking a contrast with the behaviour described in ¹⁻².—*Seek unto God*] as an inquirer (Is. 8¹⁹ 11¹⁰ al.), asking humbly for help and guidance.

9-16. A description of the wonderful power and operation of God, intended to show *why* Job should lay his case before Him. God is wonderful in power and goodness, both generally (⁹), and in particular in fertilizing the thirsty earth (¹⁰), and in adjusting the many inequalities of society, in encouraging and lifting up those that are abased, and in defeating the malicious devices of the crafty, and rescuing the needy from their clutches (¹¹⁻¹⁶).

9. Cf. 9¹⁰ (almost the same words).

10. An example at once of God's power and of His benevolence: He supplies the thirsty earth with rain and streams of water. Cf. Ps. 147⁸; and (for ^b) 104¹¹.

11-16. In the moral sphere, God's providence acts by raising up and helping the lowly and the mourners, and by rescuing the poor from the devices of the crafty.

11a. Cf. 1 S. 2⁸, Ps. 113⁷. He secures the mourner against the avarice of hard-hearted oppressors: cf. 2 K. 4¹. The Heb. word (קָרַךְ) does not denote a state of mind (sorrowing or grieving), but (meaning properly *to be dirty*) has reference to the squalid person and dark attire (head sprinkled with ashes, sackcloth, etc.) of a mourner in the East: cf. 2 S. 13¹⁹, Est. 4¹.

12f. He frustrates the malicious devices of the crafty, who scheme, for instance, to benefit themselves at the expense of the innocent or the poor (cf. Mic. 3¹⁻³ 7³, Is. 32⁷ etc.).

- 12 Who frustrateth the devices of the crafty,
 So that their hands cannot carry out sound counsel.
 13 Who taketh the wise in their own craftiness;
 And the counsel of the tortuous is carried headlong.
 14 In the daytime they meet with darkness,
 And as in the night they grope at noonday.
 15 But he saveth 'the fatherless' from their sword,
 And the needy from the hand of the mighty.

12. *Frustrate*] cf. Ps. 33^{10a}, Is. 44²⁵.—*Carry out sound counsel*] or, perhaps, *achieve success*: see phil. n.

13. *Taketh*] as in a net or trap, Am. 3^{4, 5}, Ps. 35⁸ (the same word).—*In their own craftiness*] It becomes the means by which they are themselves ruined (cf. Ps. 7¹⁵ 57^{7 (6)}, Pr. 26²⁷ 28¹⁰).—*The tortuous*] i.e. men who pursue tortuous or crooked ways to attain their ends. Cf. Pr. 8⁸ "there is nothing tortuous or crooked in them" (אִין בָּהֶם נִפְתָּל וְעָקֹשׁ); Ps. 18²⁷ "With the crooked thou showest thyself tortuous" (עִם עָקֹשׁ הִתְפַּחֵל); Dt. 32⁵ הָיוּ עָקֹשׁ וּפְתָלָה.—*Is carried headlong*] Lit. *hastened* (unduly), i.e. precipitated before it is ripe, and so frustrated. 13a is the only passage of Job quoted in the NT. (1 Cor. 3¹⁹ ὁ δρασσόμενος τοὺς σοφοὺς ἐν τῇ πανουργίᾳ αὐτῶν). G has ὁ καταλαμβάνων σοφοὺς ἐν φρονήσει (A + αὐτῶν): St. Paul must, therefore, have either translated himself from the Hebrew or used some version of the OT. other than G. For the implicit criticism of "the wise," cp. 37²⁴.

14. The perplexity and bewilderment of those whom God thus thwarts. They are like blind people groping about in the bright day. For the thought, cf. 12^{24f.}, Is. 19^{13f.}; for the figure, 12^{25a}, Dt. 28²⁹, Is. 59¹⁰.

15f. And so the poor, whose ruin these "crafty" ones had been contriving, are delivered from their clutches, and evil, abashed, is obliged to stop her mouth.

15. Lit. H reads: "So he saveth from the sword from their mouth, And from the hand of the mighty the needy." The imperfectly balanced parallelism shows that there must be some error in the text. The error cannot be certainly corrected (see phil. n.); but the general sense is clear.

- 16 So the poor hath hope,
And unrighteousness stoppeth her mouth.
17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth:
And despise thou not the chastening of the Almighty.
18 For *he* maketh sore, and bindeth up;
He woundeth, and his hands heal
19 In six troubles he will deliver thee;
And in seven no evil will touch thee.

16b. Cp. Ps. 107^{42b} וּבִלְעוּלָה קִפְצָה פִּיהּ. These verses place before us a strange picture of the social customs of the time. But the prophets and the Psalms fully corroborate it. Then, as now, in the East, men of any wealth or position, landowners, government officials, tradesmen, money-lenders, etc., leave no stone unturned to aggrandize themselves at the expense of the defenceless and the unfortunate.

17-26. And so there is a purpose in Job's afflictions: they are designed to end in more abundant blessing; and Eliphaz draws an idyllic and engaging picture of the happiness awaiting Job, if he will but receive God's chastisement aright. The passage is a beautiful and striking one, admirably adapted to move one differently circumstanced from Job to penitence and submission. But Job has *not* sinned; and, naturally, Eliphaz's argument makes no impression upon him.

17. Eliphaz begins by applying to Job the maxim of Pr. 3^{11, 12} (quoted Heb. 12^{5, 6}), "*Despise not, my son, the chastening of Yahweh, and spurn not His reproof; for whom Yahweh loveth He correcteth; and (treateth) as a father (or, with E (cf. 18a here), and maketh sore, or paineth) the son in whom He delighteth.*"

18. For He does not make sore only, He also heals. "God's drastic surgery is for the sufferer's higher good, and the hand that uses the knife without flinching is also the gentle hand that tenderly binds up the wound" (Pe.). Cf. Hos. 6¹, Dt. 32³⁹; also Is. 30^{26b}.

19 ff. An eloquent enumeration of the blessings which Job may expect, if he but follows Eliphaz's advice.

19. Out of all troubles and dangers, however numerous they may be, he will be delivered.—*Six . . . seven*] is an

²⁰ In famine he will redeem thee from death ;
And in war from the power of the sword.

²¹ From ¹ the scourge of the tongue thou shalt be hid ;
Neither shalt thou be afraid of ¹ desolation ¹ when it
cometh.

example of the "ascending numeration," of which there are a good many cases in the OT. The meaning is, that six would be a large number, but it is increased to seven. So in other cases: a number which would be complete or sufficient by itself is increased—or, if it denotes a sin, for instance, is aggravated—by a unit (cp. G-K. 134s). For *six* and *seven* (as here) see Pr. 6¹⁶, where seven instances are given in the following vv.⁽¹⁷⁻¹⁹⁾; so with *nine* and *ten* in Sir. 25⁷; *two* and *three*, Sir. 50²⁵; *three* and *four*, Pr. 30¹⁸. In other cases, even when instances follow, they are not made to equal either of the numbers previously mentioned (so Am. 1³⁻¹¹). Here, in vv.²⁰⁻²², there is some appearance of the mention of seven distresses: viz. famine, ^{20a}; war, ^{20b}; slander, ^{21a}; destruction, ^{21b}; destruction and dearth, ^{22a}; wild beasts, ^{22b}. But if precisely seven instances were intended, the text must have suffered; for two of the instances, at least in *ff*, are identical, viz., destruction, ^{21b} (שׁוּד) and ^{22a} (שׁוּד); and famine and dearth are practically identical. Perhaps, however, in any case, one occurrence of "destruction" should be removed by reading for שׁוּד in ²¹ שׁוּאָה, *desolation* (Dr.), or שׁוּד, a *demon* (Hoffm.), in which latter case we might perhaps compare Ps. 91⁵. Seven instances were certainly not given by the writer, though they may have been intended by the interpolator, if Be. Bu. Du. are right in regarding ²² as interpolated, partly on the ground of the repetition of destruction and the virtual repetition of hunger, partly on the ground that ²³ is more forcible if not anticipated by ^{22b}.

20. In famine and war—those scourges of the ancient East—his life will be secure.

21. *The scourge of the tongue*] I.e. slander, calumny. Cf. for the figure, Jer. 18¹⁸ "Come, let us *smite him* (Jer.) *with the tongue*." "Slander" is a rather special "distress" as com-

- ²² At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh;
 And of the beasts of the earth be thou not afraid.
²³ For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field;
 And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

pared with the others instanced. Du. suggests that "pestilence," perhaps דִּבְרָה, the only one of the four sore judgments mentioned in Ezk. 14²¹ and not mentioned here, may once have been mentioned instead of the tongue; Ehrlich suggests that tongue stands for tongue (of fire).

22. *The beasts of the earth*] Wild beasts were much dreaded in Palestine in ancient times, especially if the country was depleted of its population (e.g. 2 K. 17²⁵). They form one of Ezekiel's "four sore judgments": "the sword, famine, noisome beasts, and pestilence" (14²¹).

23. Poetical figures, implying that stones will not accumulate to mar the fields, nor wild beasts attack the folds or trample down the crops. Job's flocks and herds, and his harvests, will thus be both plentiful and secure; cf. Hos. 2²⁰ (18) (where *covenant* represents the same Heb. word as "league" here). The text scarcely requires emendation; otherwise an old suggestion of Rashi's, recently revised by Köhler (*Archiv für Religionswissenschaft*, 1910, 75 ff.) and Be. (*ZATW*, 1915, 63 f.), would be attractive: for *stones* (אבני) of the field they substitute *elfs*, or *gnomes* (בני or אדני), impish beings which, according to widespread folklore, may be as injurious as wild beasts to agricultural prosperity; the parallel to "beasts of the field" in ^b would be admirable. For the term *sons*, or *lords*, of the field, which on this hypothesis would be applied to them, cp. the Arabic 'ahlu'l'ard, *people of the land* (see, e.g., Doughty, *Arabia Deserta*, i. 136). Be. suggests that these elfs may be companions or doubles of the *s'irim* (EV. "satyrs": see *EBi. s.v.*). The emendations of Ehrlich (*sling-stones of the devastator* (שדר), and Richter, *fatnesses* (שמני), may be dismissed.

24-26. His homestead will be prosperous, his offspring numerous, and he himself will be gathered to his fathers in a ripe and vigorous old age.

24. *Know*] His *knowledge* of his security will be the climax

²⁴ And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace;
And thou shalt visit thy homestead, and shalt miss
nothing.

²⁵ Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,
And thine offspring as the herbage of the earth.

²⁶ Thou shalt come to thy grave in firm strength (?),
As a shock of corn cometh up in its season.

²⁷ Lo this, we have searched it out, so it is;
[We have ¹ hear(d) it, and note *thou* it for thyself.

VI. ¹ And Job answered and said,

of his happiness.—*Visit*] or, *inspect*, to see that all is right. So, e.g., Jer. 23²; of a shepherd inspecting his sheep.—*Shalt miss nothing*] Nothing will have been stolen; no animal will have strayed away, or been devoured by a wild beast.

²⁵. His offspring will be numerous. His lost children (c. 1) will thus be replaced.—*As the herbage of the earth*] For the comparison, cf. Ps. 72¹⁶, they shall blossom out of the city like *the herbage of the earth*.

²⁶. *In firm strength*] see phil. n.—*Cometh up*] to the threshing-floor (which was usually situated on an elevation, that the wind might blow the chaff away).

²⁷. This, then, is what we have “sought out” (*i.e.* arrived at as the result of meditating on our experience); as *we* have thought it out, do *thou* take good note of it. Our conclusion has not been arrived at suddenly, and is worthy therefore of thy attention.

VI. VII. **Job's reply to Eliphaz's first speech.**—Addressing first the friends (6²⁻³⁰: note the pl. in 6²⁴⁻²⁹) rather than Eliphaz alone, Job defends the language of his previous speech (c. 3), for which Eliphaz had rebuked him, on the ground of his sufferings (2-7), and reiterates his desire to die (8-10); for why should he live, being without hope (11-13), and without help or sympathy from his friends in the hour of his need (14-23)? His friends rather have become his covert accusers: if they must accuse, let them at least do so openly (24-30). Though innocent, his lot is hard—as is human life in general (7¹⁶)—and pitiable: for he is racked with disease, without hope in this brief life or

- ² O that my vexation were but weighed,
 And my calamity laid in the balances together!
³ For then it would be heavier than the sand of the seas:
 Therefore have my words been rash.
⁴ For the arrows of the Almighty are present with me,
 The venom whereof my spirit drinketh up:
 The terrors of God array (themselves) against me.

when it is over (⁷¹⁻¹⁰). Addressing God, probably from ⁷¹, at least from ⁷⁷ ("remember" is 2nd sing.), and unmistakably from ⁷¹² onwards, Job, after a brief appeal to God's compassion (⁷⁻¹⁰), boldly and without restraint (¹¹) asks why He plagues him so continually (¹²⁻²¹).

VI. 2-3. Job only wishes that his "vexation," *i.e.* (see on ⁵²), the sense of undeserved treatment under which he is smarting, and which he has expressed in c. 3, could be weighed against his sufferings: it would then quickly appear that it was not excessive, and that it formed an abundant excuse for his words.—*My vexation*] with which Eliphaz (⁵²) had taunted him.—*Together*] viz., with my vexation—of course, in the other scale.

3. *Heavier than the sand of the sea*] for the fig. cf. Pr. 27³.—*Rash*] Job allows that his words have been rash, but submits that his sufferings form a sufficient excuse for them.

4. Job here—for the first time, distinctly—names God as the author of his afflictions. The thought of this is the sting which goads him to desperation—not the afflictions as such, but his feeling that they are sent upon him undeservedly by an angry God: it is on this account that his pains terrify and paralyse him. V.⁴ is a tristich, ^b (which is overlong) separating the more closely parallel lines ^{a.c.} Like the similar case in ⁵⁵, this may be due to some dislocation of the text. Du. combines ^{4c} with ^{7a} (emended: see phil. n. on ^{7a}), thus obtaining two possible, though not very good, distichs. The separation of ^{4a} from ^{4c} is questionable; and, ^{7a}, if it really goes with any part of ⁴, is connected by "my soul" with the parallel "my spirit" in ^{4b}: in this case the first part of ^{7a} would require to be suitably emended. But though ⁴ for the reasons indicated is doubtful

- ⁵ Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
⁶ Can that which is insipid be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the slime of purslain?

and ⁷ very strange, no certain reconstruction can be suggested. —*The arrows of God*] “Figures in the poetry of the OT. for the sicknesses, pains, and plagues with which He assails men, Ps. 38³ (²) (Ps. 7¹⁴ (¹³), Dt. 32²³, Ezk. 5¹⁶; cf. c. 16^{12f.}),” Di.—*Present with me*] On the idiom, see phil. n. He is constantly and intensely conscious of them. —*Venom*] lit. *heat*; so Ps. 58⁵, Dt. 32^{24, 33}. As a poisoned arrow causes—if nothing worse—fever and irritation, so the “venom” of God’s arrows—*i.e.* the intolerable thought that they are sent against him unjustly—penetrates his being, and disturbs his whole mental condition. —*Array (themselves) against me*] By a change of metaphor he picturesquely represents God’s terrors as arraying themselves against him like a hostile army (cf., for the figure, 10¹⁷ 16^{12f.}). But, transposing two letters, we should, perhaps, read *undo me* (see phil. n.)—the vb. meaning properly, as Arab. shows, to *make turbid*; and hence fig. *destroy the happiness of, undo*.

5-7. Job’s complaints are proof of the reality of his pain; does any animal complain when it has its natural and accustomed food? But Job’s sufferings are like insipid and repulsive food, which no one can take without complaining.

5. *Wild ass*] 39⁵ n.—*Grass*] 39⁸ n.—*Fodder*] בָּלִיל (24⁶, Is. 30²⁴ †) is properly *mixed fodder* (בָּלַל, to *mix*), fodder composed of different kinds of food; Lat. *farrago* (of spelt, barley, vetches, and pulse); Verg. *G.* 3. 205.

6. *The slime of purslain*] a plant, the flower of which, as it fades away, resolves itself into an insipid mucilaginous jelly. It is this tasteless jelly which is here alluded to. EV. “the white of an egg”: very improbable; see phil. n. In *JQR* xv. 704 f. an identification is suggested of the *slime*, or *saliva* (*rir*), of ḥallāmūth with the insipid liquid exuding from a soft kind of cheese termed in Arabic ḥālūm or ḥallūm (*Lisānu ’l Arab.* xv. 38. 6 f.).

7. Job compares his sufferings to repulsive food. The

⁷ My soul refuseth to touch (them);

‘It loatheth ¹ the sickness of my food.

⁸ Oh that I might have my request;

And that God would grant (me) the thing that I
‘long ¹ for!

⁹ And that it would please God to crush me;

That he would let loose his hand, and snip me off!

¹⁰ So would there still be my comfort;

And I would ‘exult ¹ in anguish that spareth not:

For I have not disowned the words of the Holy One.

“soul” is in Heb. psychology the seat of *desire* (e.g. Dt. 24¹⁵, Hos. 4⁸), and, in particular, of *appetite* (e.g. Dt. 14²⁶ 23²⁵, Is. 29⁸, Mic. 7¹, Pr. 23², where בעל נפש means a *greedy* man; c. 33²⁰, where see note); hence its use here. See, further, Dr. *Par. Psalt.* p. 459 f. V.⁷ is in detail very uncertain; see phil. n.

8-13. The intensity of his sufferings wrings from him the passionate cry for death (⁸⁻¹⁰). He has no strength for the patience and life which Eliphaz (4⁶ 5²²⁻²⁶) had inculcated (¹¹⁻¹³).

8. *My request*] the wish to die, expressed in c. 3.—*The thing that I long for*] **H** has *my hope* of death, “with a delicate allusion to the ‘hope’ of deliverance and ultimate happiness with which Eliphaz (4⁶ 5¹⁶) had sought to support him” (Di.). But (cp. Pr. 10²⁴) *my desire* (see phil. n.) would agree better with the feeling which Job had really expressed; as EVV., by the rendering “the thing that I *long* for,” which is not a legitimate rendering of **H**, have unconsciously admitted.

9. *Let loose his hand*] not merely torment him and protract his misery, but give his hand free play and slay him outright.—*Snip me off* (ביצעני)] implying “cut off the thread of my life”: cf. 27⁸, Is. 38¹² “from the thrum he will *snip me off* (ביצעני).”

10. *Comfort*] death would speedily end his sufferings.—*Exult*] see phil. n.—*Anguish that spareth not*] i.e. the last quick agonies of death.

10C. If the line is original it means, for I have not disowned or disregarded God’s (moral commands) (cf. 23^{11f.}; c. 31)—giving the reason (Di.) why God should grant his request, and at the same time showing that he has grounds for his

- ¹¹ What is my strength, that I should wait?
 And what is mine end, that I should be patient?
- ¹² Is my strength the strength of stones?
 Or is my flesh of bronze?
- ¹³ [†] Behold, [†] my help within me is nought,
 And effectual counsel is driven quite from me.
- ¹⁴ [†] He that withholdeth [†] kindness from his friend
 Forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

“vexation” (²) at God’s treatment of him, and for refusing to listen to Eliphaz’s exhortations to admit his guilt. De. Hi. Bu. al. render, “Then would it be still my comfort—and I would leap in pain that spareth not—that I have not disowned the words of the Holy One,” making the righteousness of his life the ground of his consolation in the last agonies of death. Du. also thinks the latter meaning was intended—but by an interpolator, who desiderated an explication of ^{10a}; with Sgf. he omits ^{10c}, thus making ¹⁰ a distich, not as now a tristich: on either view he thinks that ^{10c} only has meaning if Job believed in rewards and punishments after death (cp. Peake).

11-13. Job passionately describes his desperate condition. His strength is shattered: the only future he can “hope” for is death; and, how can he avoid being impatient when this is so long in coming and releasing him from his pains?

11. *That I should wait?* ²] for the happier future which Eliphaz had promised him (⁵^{19ff.}).—*What is my end*, etc. ²] what hope have I of a happy end of my sufferings, that I should be patient under them?—*Be patient* ²] lit. *prolong my soul*: so the idiom for “impatient” is *short of soul*; cf. Nu. 21⁴ (RVm.), Zec. 11⁸, and elsewhere with רוּחַ, as Ex. 6⁹, Mic. 2⁷, Pr. 14²⁹, Jb. 21⁴; and רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים, Ec. 7⁸.

13. Inward (mental) help and resourcefulness also fail him, not less than physical strength: he can imagine no means of extricating himself from his desperate plight.

14-23. His friends have failed him in the hour of his need: they have not shown him the sympathy that was his due.

14. Job charges his friends with themselves, by their lack of sympathy, forsaking true religion: so **SU**, whose text is at

- ¹⁵ My brethren have dealt faithlessly like a wādy,
 Like the channels of wādys that pass away :
¹⁶ Which are turbid by reason of the ice,
 When the snow hideth itself upon them :
¹⁷ What time they are scorched, they vanish away :
 When it is hot, they are extinguished out of their place.

least more probable than **ח**; the difficult and uncertain text of **ח** is best rendered: Kindness is (due) to him that is in despair, And that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty; according to this, Job, with allusion to himself, says that one who is in despair, and (in danger of) loosing his faith in the Almighty, deserves from his friends, not querulous insinuations of guilt, but help and sympathy, to strengthen his failing piety; and he is keenly disappointed at not receiving this from them. But against **ח**, see phil. n.

15-20. He compares his friends picturesquely to a wādy, a stream—such as are common in and about Palestine—running along a rocky valley, which may be turbid and swollen in winter, but completely dry in summer; and his own disappointment to that of a thirsty caravan, journeying hopefully towards such a wādy, only to find its waters dried up through the heat. Cf. for the figure Jer. 15¹⁸ “Wilt thou be to me as a deceptive wādy” (נַחַל אֶבְיָה)?

15. *My brethren*] so Job here terms the three friends; cp. v.²¹, which applies the simile here begun to those whom he is addressing.—*Channels*] or *bed*,—which, when in summer the traveller comes to it, he finds dry.

16. *Hideth itself upon them*] falls upon them, and disappears in them. “The streams of Lebanon,” and the high parts of Gilead and Bashan, “send down great floods of dark and troubled waters in spring, when the ice and snow of their summits are melting; but they dry up under the heat of summer, and the track of the torrent, with its chaos of boulders, stones, and gravel, seems as though it had not known a stream for ages” (Geikie, *Holy Land and the Bible* (1887), i. 124).

17. But in the hot summer these wādys, swollen in winter, dry up.

¹⁸ Caravans divert their way ;

They go up into the waste, and perish.

¹⁹ The caravans of Tema looked,

The companies of Sheba waited for them.

²⁰ They were disappointed because ¹ they ¹ had hoped,

They came thither, and were abashed.

18. Travelling companies or "caravans," expecting to find water in such wādys, divert their course towards them, but upon reaching them find none and perish through thirst (so abandoning the vocalization of **מל**, Ew. Ol. Di. Du. RV.), "go up," meaning, in this case, go up into the hills in search of mountain streams, but only to find everything dried up and desolate. But De. Da. Hi. Bu., adhering to **מל**, less probably render "*the paths of their way* (the course of such streams) *wind about* (the thread of water, to which in summer they are reduced, has to make its way round every stone or other obstacle), they (the streams) go up into emptiness (evaporate) and disappear." On **תרה**, *waste*, see Skinner, *Genesis*, p. 16; Dr. on Gen. i. 2; *Lex.* 1062b (where, however, the meanings *rage*, *roar*, *bluster*, for Aram. **תרה** must be deleted as due to an oversight: correct Levy, *ChWB* 83b, 530d, by *NHWB* iv. 628). The word may denote either an *empty waste* (Jb. 12²⁴, Ps. 107⁴⁰, Dt. 32¹⁰), or (as in the second rendering) actual *emptiness* or (virtual) *nothingness* (cf. 26⁷, Is. 40²³, the judges of the earth he maketh as *nothingness*).

19. *Tema*] a trading Ishmaelite tribe—mentioned in Gn. 25¹⁵ by the side of Nebaioth, Kedar, and other tribes, as a "son" of Ishmael, and also in Is. 21¹⁴, Jer. 25²³. The name is still preserved in *Tīmā*, the name of a place in N.W. Arabia, about 250 miles S.E. of Edom, and the centre of trade-routes (cf. Hogarth, *Penetration of Arabia* (1905), p. 250, "evidently of old a more important road-station than it now is"), where some interesting inscriptions have been found (Cooke, *NSI*, nos. 69, 70), the longest dating from about the 5 cent. B.C.—*Looked*] expectantly and wistfully. The poet, in using the past tenses, pictures a particular scene.—*Sheba*] 1¹⁵.

20. Job's friends, living like himself on or near the borders

²¹ 'So' are ye now become unto 'me';

Ye see a terror, and are afraid.

²² Did I say, Give unto me?

Or, Offer a bribe for me of your substance?

²³ Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand?

Or, Redeem me from the hand of the terrible?

of the Arabian desert, would feel the force of the simile.—*Were disappointed*] the Heb. idiom is lit. *were put to shame*, i.e. not “felt a sense of shame,” but “were disconcerted by the frustration of plans and hopes.” So frequently, as Ps. 6¹¹ (10) 22⁶ (5) 25^{2, 3, 20} etc. The word is often used of the disappointment experienced by those who rely upon false gods, or untrustworthy political friends, as Is. 20⁶ 44¹¹, Jer. 2³⁶. *To be abashed* (^b) is often parallel, as Ps. 35²⁶ 40¹⁵. Comp. Is. 1²⁹ “and ye shall be put to shame (= be disappointed) on account of the oaks ye have desired [not obtaining from them the expected help or deliverance], and ye shall *be abashed* on account of the gardens ye have chosen.”

21. Job's friends now fail (disappoint) him in the hour of need, like such dried-up wādys (see phil. n.).—*Ye see (תראו) a terror, and are afraid (תיראו)*] notice the assonance in the Hebrew: so Zec. 9⁵, Ps. 40⁴ 52⁸ al. The “terror” is Job's overwhelming calamity: judging this to be sent upon him by God, and to be sent upon him, moreover, as a punishment for his sins, they have not the courage to show him sympathy.

22-23. He had asked nothing very great of his friends, no expenditure of money, or deed of valour, for instance, on his behalf, but merely sympathy.

22. *A bribe*] in accordance with the too prevalent Eastern custom (Is. 1²³, Mic. 3¹¹ etc.), to secure his acquittal from a judge.—*Substance*] lit. *strength* (בָּהַ): so Pr. 5¹⁰.

23. He had never asked to be delivered from any situation of peril or difficulty: to be rescued, for instance, by arms from the hands of brigands, or to be ransomed, whether from brigands or from enslavement by a cruel creditor for debt. With ^b comp. Jer. 15²¹ “And I will deliver thee from the hand or tne evil, and I will *redeem* thee from the clutch of the

²⁴ Teach me, and *I* will hold my peace :

And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

²⁵ How 'pleasant' are words of uprightness !

But what doth reproving from you prove ?

²⁶ Do ye think to reprove words ?

But the speeches of one that is desperate are for the
wind.

²⁷ Yea, ye would cast (lots) upon the fatherless,

And make merchandise over your friend.

²⁸ Now, therefore, be pleased to look upon me ;

For surely I shall not lie to your face.

terrible." The "terrible" (עָרִיץ) may be any powerful and dreaded oppressor or tyrant, whether native or foreign: 15²⁰ 27¹³ (each time || to "wicked"), Is. 25^{4.5} 29^{5.20}, Ps. 54⁵ (|| 86¹⁴). Peake suggests that ²⁷ once immediately followed ²³: so far from ransoming me, you would rather have bartered me away.

24-30. In answer to Eliphaz's covert insinuations, he claims to be told plainly what sins they impute to him. Hitherto they have only found fault expressly with his *words*, which, however, were merely wrung from him by his despair (²⁶). He reproaches them for their unfeeling treatment of him (²⁷), and beseeches them to judge him fairly.

25. *Pleasant*] see phil. n.—*Words of uprightness*] honest, straightforward words, such as Job cannot discern in Eliphaz's speech.—*Reproving from you*] what do your vague and dark insinuations prove?

26. Is it your purpose to reprove—not my life indeed, but—my *words* (those spoken in c. 3): but the words of one who is desperate, such as those were, are for the wind—are quickly blown away, so that they need not be taken too seriously (cf. ^{3b}).

27. His friends, he declares, are as heartless as ruthless creditors, who would cast lots for the orphan child of a man who had been their debtor, in order to sell it into slavery (2 K. 4¹), or as men who would make a bargain over their friend. But see phil. n., and above on ²³.

28. *Be pleased*] i.e. Be good enough, or "Please!" His

²⁹ Turn back, I pray you, let there be no unrighteousness ;

Yea, turn back, my righteousness is still in 'me'.

³⁰ Is there unrighteousness in my tongue ?

Cannot my palate discriminate calamities ?

friends, we may suppose, had turned their eyes from him while he had been descanting on their lack of sympathy: so he entreats them now to look him in the face, as he can look them in the face, and judge from his countenance whether, in maintaining his innocence, he is lying to them.—*To your face*] defiantly, as 1¹¹.

29. *Turn back*] from the unfair course you have adopted: do not unjustly assume my guilt.—*My righteousness is still in me*] *fl in it*; i.e. (Hrz. Di.) in the matter under discussion, I am still unconvicted, or (Du.) I am justified in speaking as I do, or (Da.) *my right is still in it*, i.e. "is here, is present. I have a righteous cause." But all these explanations of *in it* are unsatisfactory and lame; and it is better, with Hi. Bi.² Bu. (note) Sgf. Be., to read *in me* (בִּי for בָּה), which at once yields the suitable and natural sense: I am still unconvicted.

30. Job insists on the soundness of his moral judgments. There is no unrighteousness in (or on) his tongue; his tongue does not, when it declares his innocence, express a judgment morally unsound; and his "palate," the organ of taste (12¹¹) to which his troubles are loathsome (6^{6f.}), has the power of distinguishing between "calamities" (v.²), and perceiving whether or not they are deserved and just. In maintaining that his calamities have been undeserved, he has been guilty of no unrighteousness.

VII. This consciousness of innocence, and of his capacity to judge his calamities correctly, makes him feel his position the more acutely; and he breaks forth into a fresh and singularly pathetic cry of despair on his lamentable and hopeless condition.

I-3. Life is hard always: his own, vexed by loss of children and property, torturing disease, and a burning sense of injustice, hard especially.

VII. ¹ Hath not man a warfare upon earth?

And are not his days like the days of an hireling?

² As a servant that is eager for the shadow,

And as an hireling that looketh for his wages:

³ So am I made to possess months of emptiness,

And nights of misery are appointed to me.

1. *Warfare*] a time of hard service, like a campaign, a constant struggle with difficulties and hardship, never ceasing till the time for which the soldier has been engaged has expired. The word is used similarly in 14¹⁴, Is. 40².—*Of an hireling*] a hired labourer, whose life is one of unceasing toil, and who has constantly to endure the “burden and heat of the day” (Mt. 20¹²). The word might also denote a mercenary (Jer. 46²¹); but ^{2b} makes the former sense more probable.

2. *A servant*] or *slave*: a field-labourer is more particularly thought of.—*For the shadow*, etc.] the shades of evening, which are so long in coming, but when he can enjoy cool air and rest, and when also he will be paid for his day’s work. Labourers in the East were paid daily: cf. Dt. 24¹⁵ (“in his day” thou shalt give him his wages), Mt. 20⁸. “The point of comparison between Job’s life and the day of the hireling thus lies in their common toil and their common longing for the end of it” (Da.).

3. *Am made to possess* (or *inherit*) “A pathetic word, *made to inherit*, through no fault or cause of mine” (Da.¹), but by the mere arbitrary will of him whose slave I am.—*Months of emptiness*] months of uselessness, disappointment, and vexation. נִשְׁוֹי denotes what is *hollow*, *groundless*, and *unsubstantial*; and it is applied, according to the context, to what is (a) *materially* unsubstantial, i.e. *unreal*, or *vain*, or (b) *morally* unsubstantial, i.e. *frivolous*, *false*, or *insincere*. Cf. for (a) Ex. 23¹ Thou shalt not take up a *groundless* report, Jer. 18¹⁵ (= *unreal* gods), Ps. 31⁷ (6) “*unreal* vanities” (of false gods), 60¹³ (11) for *vain* is the help of man, 89⁴⁸ (47) O remember how short my time is: for what *vanity* (uselessness, emptiness of life, disappointment) hast thou created all the children of men! and for (b) Ps. 12³ (2) (= *insincerity*), 24⁴ (= what is either frivolous or insincere),

⁴ When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise?

But the evening is long; and I am full of tossings to
and fro unto the (morning) twilight.

⁵ My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;

My skin hardens, and then runneth (again).

⁶ My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,

And are come to an end without hope.

26⁴ men of *unreality* (*i.e.* insincere or frivolous), 41⁷⁽⁶⁾ (= insincerity), 119³⁷: so Ex. 20⁷ Thou shalt not take up the name of Yahweh thy God *for unreality* (*i.e.* use it for any false or frivolous object). Cf. on 15³¹.—*Nights of misery*] lit. of toil (לַיָּסָר): see on 3¹⁰. The "months" indicate the duration, the "nights" the intensity, of his sufferings (Pe.).

4-6. A graphic description of the condition to which his malady has brought him: his wearisome, restless nights, his loathsome disease, his days ebbing quickly (cp. ^{7a}), without hope of recovery or relief (cp. ^{7b}), to their close.

4. *When shall I arise?*] When will it be morning? (Dt. 28⁶⁷).—*But the evening is long; and*] or, since the Hebrew is unusual and to gain a better parallelism, very slightly emending (see phil. n.), *And as often as evening (comes)*.

5. His ulcers breed worms, form a hard crust, and then break out and run again.

6a. Cp. 9²⁵ My days are swifter than a post. On ancient weaving, from which the simile in ^a is derived, see Kennedy in *EBI*. iv. 5276-5290 (with illustrations). Ibn Ezra notes that ^b may continue the simile of ^a if תָּקוּה be given the sense it has in Jos. 2¹⁸: and so Marshall renders ^b, "They come to an end for lack of thread": but this would require מְבִלִי rather than בִּאפֶּס.

7-10. He turns pathetically to God, beseeching Him to remember how brief his life is, and to have compassion on him for the short time that remains before he descends for ever into the grave. In Sheol, according to Hebrew ideas, there was no fellowship with God: the Shades, in their dreary, shadow-like existence, were "cut off from God's hand," and could neither praise Him, nor experience His benefits (Ps. 6⁶ 88^{6, 11, 13}, Is. 38¹⁸).

⁷ Oh remember that my life is wind:

Mine eye will no more see good.

⁸ The eye of him that seeth me will behold me no more:

Thine eyes will be upon me, but I shall not be.

⁹ A cloud cometh to an end and vanisheth away;

So he that goeth down to Sheol cometh up no more.

¹⁰ He returneth no more to his house,

Neither doth his place know him any more.

7. *Remember*] the vb., like the pron. in ⁸, is 2nd sing., addressed not to Eliphaz (cp. 26² n.) but to God: but for what follows, 7¹⁻⁶ (like 6²⁴⁻³⁰) could be regarded as still addressed to the friends; as it is, these verses are best regarded as, if not transitional in the tone of soliloquy, the beginning of the address to God with which the speech most clearly closes (12-21).—*Wind*] a symbol of what is transient and unsubstantial: Ps. 78³⁹, Is. 41²⁹, Qoh. 1¹⁴ etc.—*Good*] i.e. happiness, prosperity: “good” (טוֹב), as Ps. 4⁷ 34¹³ (each time with “see”), Jb. 21¹³ 36¹¹, and frequently: so also טובה 9²⁵ 21²⁵ al.

8. Soon ^a none will behold him any more: ^b even God, if He should wish to show him some kindness, will be unable to find him. The v. is absent from G, repeats the words “eye” (twice) and “see” used in 7, anticipates ¹⁰ and the close of the speech (²¹), and separates 7 and 9 which go well together; it may, therefore, be an addition to the original text (so Bi. Bu. al.). ^a strictly rendered reads: the eye of him that seeth me will not behold me; the translation above presupposes that “seeth me” means *seeth me now*; perhaps it rather means *looks for me in the future*, though 20⁷ is scarcely decisive, and in passages such as 2 S. 13⁵, 2 K. 8²⁹ (cp. *Lex.* s.v. רָאָה 6 d), cited as justifying the rendering of רָאָה by *look for*, the meaning is not exactly the same, not even in Gn. 39²³.

9, 10. No return from Sheol is possible (10²¹).

10b. So Ps. 103^{16b}; cf. also c. 20^{2b}.

11-21. A passionate remonstrance with God. Why does He thus torture him, and make his life a burden to him? Is not man too insignificant to be thus persecuted by his Maker? Why does He not at once pardon his transgression, and take

¹¹ I also will not refrain my mouth;
 I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
 I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

¹² Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
 That thou settest a watch over me?

pity on him? Job goes here far beyond the point he had reached in c. 3. There, though he had complained bitterly of his lot, he had said little against God. Here he openly charges Him with being his tormentor, and ironically taunts Him with turning His care for him into a means of persecuting him.

II. *I also*] As God shows no regard for man, but lets him pass from a life of misery into a night of darkness, so he also will show no regard for Him by restraint of speech, but he will give full vent to his complaint. The "also" expresses the correspondence of one action to another, especially in retaliation (the נ "correlativum": *Lex.* 169b): cf. Hos. 4⁶, Jer. 4¹², Ps. 52⁷⁽⁶⁾ (EVV. "likewise") 71²².

12. He asks indignantly, Am I, frail mortal that I am, like a dangerous monster to be guarded strictly by its keeper? Am I like the turbulent sea, threatening, when its angry waves arise, to overpass the barriers imposed on it by God (cf. 38⁸⁻¹¹; Jer. 5²² 31³⁵, Ps. 104⁹)? Or, with an allusion to the dragon Tiamat,—the personification of the unruly powers of chaos, and more or less identified with the roaring waters of the huge primæval abyss (cf. Gn. 1^{2b}),—who, as Babylonian mythology told, had been slain by the Creator Marduk¹ (cf. 9¹³), *Am I a sea-monster, that thou settest a watch over me*, lest I should do some great damage in the world (cp. 38⁸⁻¹² n.)?—*Sea-monster*] תנין, a serpent, sometimes of a land-reptile, Ex. 7^{9. 10. 12}, Dt. 32³³, Ps. 91¹³; more often of a sea- (or river-) monster, Gn. 1²¹, of the Egyptians or Pharaoh under fig. of a crocodile, Ps. 74¹³, Ezk. 32² (rd. תנין for תנים), of a mythological or imaginary dragon, Is. 27¹ 51⁹, Jer. 51³⁴.

13-14. The methods used by God to keep Job harmless: when he looks to the natural rest of sleep to give him some

¹ Cf. the Fourth Tablet of the Creation Epic (Rogers, *Cuneiform Parallels to the OT.*, 1912, p. 24 ff.), esp. l. 95 ff.

- 13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
 My couch shall ease my complaint;
 14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,
 And terrifiest me through visions:
 15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
 And death rather than my 'pains'.
 16 I refuse (it)! not for ever would I live!
 Desist from me! for my days are (as) a breath.

relief, then He scares him with terrifying dreams—such as are said to be one of the accompaniments of elephantiasis.

13. *Ease*] lit. *bear in*, i.e. help in bearing: so Nu. 11¹⁷ Heb.—*Complaint*] (sad) musing: see 9²⁷ n.

15. And so he prefers death to the continuance of these intolerable sufferings. *Strangling* (cf. the verb, 2 S. 17²³), i.e. suffocation, may be mentioned with allusion to the sense of choking, which is often experienced in elephantiasis. For *my pains* (עֲצֻבוֹתַי) (9²⁸, Ps. 147³), *ff* has *my bones* (עֲצָמוֹתַי), which, if correct, will be equivalent to what we should express by *this skeleton*: but the explanation is forced; and it is better changing one letter to read *my pains*.

16. He exclaims passionately that he cares nothing for life: he only entreats God to leave him at peace for the short time that he has still to live.—*I refuse (it)*] i.e. my life: the object must be supplied from the context; cf. 9²¹ “I refuse my life.” —*Not for ever*] would he *live*, even if he could, such a life as his has become: on these terms life is intolerable to him, though on other terms only the brevity of life would be distressing (6a).—*Desist*] or *cease* (Is. 1¹⁶, Am. 7⁵), *forbear* (16⁶, 1 K. 22⁶, Zec. 11¹², and often): exactly as here, Ex. 14¹² *cease, desist from us* = *let us alone*.—*A breath*] Is. 57¹³ “a breath will take them”: Heb. הֶבֶל, also, like “wind” (7), a fig. of what is transient: usually in EVV. rendered *vanity*: Ps. 39⁶. 7. 12 (5. 6. 11) 62¹⁰. 10 (9. 9) 144⁴ (all, of man); Qoh. 1² הֶבֶל הַבָּלִים, “*vanity of vanities*,” and constantly in that book: also in other books of what is unsubstantial and unreal, as false gods, Dt. 32²¹ al.

17-18. A bitter parody of Ps. 85⁽⁴⁾ “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest

- 17 What is man, that thou magnifiest him,
 And that thou directest thine attention to him,
 18 And that thou visitest him every morning,
 And triest him every moment?
 19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,
 Nor let me alone while I swallow down my spittle?

him?" "The Psalmist, impressed with the wonders of the starry heavens, asks what is man that God should be so mindful of him, and place him in a position of such high authority in the world. Job asks, not why God should lavish on a creature so insignificant such honour and thoughtful care, but why he should be subjected to attention so alert and suspicious, as if he could really be of any importance. Job's morbid imagination distorts the unsleeping care of God into a maddening espionage. . . . How petty His character must be, since He condescends to torture one so frail, and harry him with persecution so untiring" (Peake).

17. *Magnifiest*] i.e. ironically, think much of, consider of importance, viz. by counting him worthy of constant (unfriendly) attention.—*Directest thine attention to him*] lit. *settest thine heart upon*, a common idiom and meaning, *pay heed to*, *consider* (Ex. 7²³, 1 S. 4²⁰, Ps. 48¹⁴ (13); and with a synonym (*sām*) for "set," Jb. 1⁸ 2³ al.). EVV. *set thine heart upon* suggests a false sense; for in ordinary English it would mean *set thy affection on*: but in Heb. psychology the "heart" is not the organ of affection, as in English (cf. "heart-less"), but of *understanding* (cf. 8¹⁰ 36⁵): so לֵב יָאֵן (Hos. 7¹¹) is not "heart-less," but *without understanding*, or as we might say colloquially "without a head," or "without brains" (the "head" in Heb. is never the seat of thought or intelligence).

18. *Visitest him*] not, as Ps. 8⁵, with marks of providential care, but to prove him: cp. the parallel term here, and the same vb. (with the ׀) in 31¹⁴.—*Triest*] i.e. *test* or *prove*, Gn. 42^{15, 16}: of God, as testing by His all-seeing scrutiny the thoughts and character of men, Ps. 7¹⁰ (9) 11⁴ 17³ 26² 139²³, or as proving man's faith or obedience by discipline, Ps. 66¹⁰ 81⁸ (7).

19. How long, Job indignantly asks, will God continue to

²⁰ If I have sinned, what do I unto thee,
O thou keeper of men?

Why hast thou set me as a thing for thee to strike against,
So that I am a burden to myself?

²¹ And why dost thou not take away my transgression,
And cause mine iniquity to pass away?

direct upon him incessantly His malevolent glance?—*Look away*] so 14⁶, Ps. 39¹⁴⁽¹³⁾; cf. Is. 22⁴.—*Let me alone*] more exactly, *let me drop* or *let me go* (Ca. 3⁴ אֶחָדָהוּ וְלֹא אֶרְפֶּנּוּ; Jb. 27⁶, Pr. 4¹³); often in a favourable sense, Dt. 4³¹ לֹא יִרְפֶּךָ וְלֹא יִשְׁחִיחַךְ, 31^{6,8}, Jos. 1⁵.—*Till I swallow*, etc.] a proverbial expression = *for a moment*: Schult. *ad loc.* (Ges. *Thes.* 213) cites the Arabic expression, “Let me swallow my spittle” (*‘abli’ni riḳi*), meaning, “Wait a moment.”

20, 21. Even assuming that he has sinned, how, he asks, can this in any way injure God, that He should continue to persecute him? Job denies consistently that he has ever sinned to a degree that would justify his extraordinary sufferings: why then, seeing his sins can be but venial ones, will He not forgive him before forgiveness is too late?

20. The rhythm of ^{a, b} is strange: Be.^K om.—*What do I unto thee?*] What harm do I do Thee by my sin? God is too holy, too exalted, to be affected by any of man's actions, whether good or bad (22²⁻⁴ 35⁵⁻⁸).—*O thou keeper of men*] the verb, used often of God's fatherly care and protection of His servants (Is. 27³, Ps. 128⁽⁷⁾ 31²⁴⁽²³⁾ etc. [EVV. *preserve*]) is here, with bitter irony (cp. 17^{f.}), applied so as to yield a title of reproach, to denote God as one who “keeps,” or guards, men closely, in order to prevent them escaping from Him, and to note their actions.—*Thing to strike against*] an object of deliberate and persistent attack. Cf. the cogn. verb in 1 K. 2²⁵, 29, 31 etc. (EVV. *fall upon*).—*So that I am a burden to myself?*] i.e. weary of myself and of my life. For the expression, cf. 2 S. 15³³. On the reading *to thee*, see phil. n.

21. If he *has* inadvertently sinned, why, since his sin cannot affect God, does He not pardon it at once, instead of waiting to do so till it is too late?—*Take away*] in EVV. usually

For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And thou wilt seek me diligently, but I shall not
be.

VIII. ¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

² How long wilt thou speak these things?

And (how long will) the words of thy mouth be
(like) a mighty wind?

³ Doth God pervert judgment?

Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

rendered *pardon* or *forgive*, as Gn. 50¹⁷, Ex. 32³².—*Cause . . . to pass away*] as 2 S. 12¹³ 24¹⁰, Zec. 3⁴.—*Now*] *i.e.* immediately. —*Lie down in the dust*] 21²⁶: cp. 19²⁵ n.—*Seek me diligently*] a single word in the Heb., occurring twelve times in poetry, and implying diligent, careful, or earnest search. Job still believes, in spite of all that he has said, that God is a God of love, who will one day seek earnestly to renew His former communion with His servant, and visit him again with His favour, but he will have passed into Sheol, and it will be too late!

VIII. Bildad's first speech.—In spite of Job's violent accusations, God is not unjust (^{2, 3}): Job's children have died an untimely death it is true, but that was because they were wicked (⁴); but Job himself still lives, and, *if* he is really righteous, God's justice will restore, and more than restore, his former prosperity (⁵⁻⁷). Let Job learn from the experience of past generations (⁸⁻¹⁰) that God does not suffer the wicked to enjoy any continuing prosperity (¹¹⁻¹⁹), nor ever subjects to continuing adversity the class to which Job claims to belong—that of the perfect (²⁰⁻²²).

2. Cp. 18² (Bildad's second speech).—*These things*] *i.e.* such things as these,—especially the charge that God assails him unjustly (7¹²⁻²⁰).—*Like a mighty wind*] *i.e.* at once violent and empty.

3. An indignant retort; God does not, as Job declares, rule the world unjustly. As their position in the Heb. shows, "God" and "the Almighty" are the emphatic words in the sentence: God, the Almighty, cannot pervert justice; what

- ⁴ If thy children have sinned against him,
 Then he hath delivered them into the hand of their
 transgression.
- ⁵ If *thou* wilt seek diligently unto God,
 And make thy supplication to the Almighty ;

has happened to Job cannot be unjust, because it comes from God.

4. Illustration of God's justice on its negative side: as God cannot do injustice, the death of Job's children is evidence of their sin. Bildad says *if*, from a desire to spare Job, but he means *Because*. The allusion to 1¹⁹ is obvious, and is not to be, and is not, avoided by making ^{4-6a} protasis, and, omitting ^{6b}, making the apodosis begin at ^{6c} (Ehrlich). The conclusion is, of course, fallacious; for though it is true that God does nothing unjustly, it is *not* true, as the friends throughout tacitly assume, that the *sole* principle by which God is guided in His dealings with man is that of retributive justice.—*Delivered them*, etc.] that they might suffer the punishment, which it would naturally bring with it. For the thought, cf. Is. 64^{6 (7)} RVm. (reading תְּמַנְנֵנִי for תְּמַנְנֵנִי); for the quasi-personification of transgression, Nu. 32²³ (n.).—*Into the hand*] cp. 1¹² n.

5-7. Job had suffered, but not to the extent that his children had; his life had been spared: hence, if he will but turn to God—as Eliphaz also had exhorted him to do (5⁸)—*if* he is only, as he maintains, pure and upright, God will interpose on his behalf, and restore him to greater prosperity than ever. Bildad speaks with moderation and friendliness. From the severity of Job's sufferings he might (upon his principles) have inferred, and undoubtedly did infer, that he had sinned greatly; but he leaves this inference unsaid. And in ⁶, though the condition, *If thou art pure*, etc., cannot, in the belief of the friends, be satisfied by Job, he still assumes it, and promises him, if it is true, a favourable issue, hoping that Job will be thus indirectly brought to see that, since God does not repel, or (²⁰) cast off, the righteous, and he *is* cast off, and, as Bildad expects, will remain cast off, he is not himself as righteous as he maintains himself to be.

6 If thou art pure and upright ;
Surely now he will arouse himself on thy behalf,
And restore the habitation of thy righteousness.

7 And though thy beginning was small,
Thy latter end will be exceeding great.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former generations,
And apply thyself to that which their fathers have
searched out :

5. *Thou*] emphatic, in opposition to his children.—*Seek earnestly*] 7²¹.

6. *Arouse himself*] interpose actively: cf. Ps. 35²³ "*Arouse thyself* and awake to my judgment."—*Restore*] properly *make whole, complete*, often in the sense *make whole by payment, pay in full, make good* (Ex. 21^{34, 36} 22² (3), 11 (12), Lv. 24¹⁸). Ἐ ἀποκαταστήσει: cp. the Syr. ܐܕܝܢܐ (Pa.) in Mt. 17¹¹ καὶ ἀποκαταστήσει πάντα.—*The habitation of thy righteousness*] the habitation which, by its prosperity, will be evidence of the righteousness of its possessor. The "habitation" (5³ n.) must be pictured as a homestead in the country with numerous slaves and abundant herds and flocks, such as is described in 12-3.

7. Keeping closer to the Hebrew idiom we may render: *And so thy beginning, i.e. thy former estate, will be (seem) small in comparison with what thou wilt enjoy then, and thy latter end (the closing years of thy life) will be exceeding great.* In these words the poet allows Bildad to utter a prophecy, the fulfilment of which is recorded in 42¹²: "And Yahweh blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning."

8-10. Cp. 15¹⁷⁻¹⁹ (Eliphaz). The doctrine which Bildad propounds is no new one, derived from the ignorance of mere creatures of yesterday (v.⁹): it is based upon the experience and research of the immemorial past.

8. *Inquire*, etc.] cp. Dt. 32^{7b}.—*The former generations*] the Hebrew phrase is sing. (דור ראשון): hence EV. “the former age”; but the reference is not to some particular generation in the past as, for example, as some have suggested, the generation of such men as Methuselah, who lived vastly longer lives than the long lives of Job and his friends, who themselves

⁹ (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth are a shadow :)

belong to the patriarchal period. But the whole past of mankind is regarded as a single generation (דור); and this generation is immeasurably more ancient than *individuals* like Job. The phrase is virtually equal to "antiquity" in the phrase "the voice of antiquity," as the antithetical phrase דור אחרון, *the latter generation*, is virtually equal to "posterity" (in such a phrase as "the judgment of posterity") in Ps. 48¹⁴ 78⁴.⁶ 102¹⁹ (18) (|| "people yet to be created"), and, with the article in prose, in Dt. 29²¹. The "former generation" is the generation containing all the former (people: ראשנים); the "latter generation," the generation containing all the latter (people), mankind past and future being divisible into two groups—the former and the latter (people: Qoh. 1¹¹). Men living at any particular moment are in touch with this former generation, and can ask it, now hoary aged, for its wisdom, as they are also in touch with the youthful generation to come, and can pass on to it in its childhood what they have learnt from the past (Ps. 48¹⁴). But if *their fathers* is correctly read in ^b, this quasi-personification of the entire past of mankind is resolved in the parallel line, and the appeal is to the fathers of those who composed the later individuals among the "former people"; to some degree, though not entirely parallel, is the combination of "the latter generation" and "their sons" in Ps. 78⁶—not entirely parallel, for there the insertion of the parallel term "sons yet to be born" eases the transition. But *the fathers* (ע), or *our fathers* (see phil. n.) would be a stricter parallelism; cp. "the latter generation, your sons" in Dt. 29²¹.—*Apply thyself to* Heb. *fix (thy mind) to*; but we should perhaps read *attend to* (see phil. n.).

9. Left to ourselves we shortlived individuals know nothing; but we can receive the knowledge of the past. Bildad's position is that what is true is not new, and what is new is not true; that Job is wrong, because he is propounding a monstrous new doctrine; and Bildad right, because he is simply repeating an old doctrine, so old that it must be true. Peake objects that

¹⁰ Shall not *they* teach thee, and say to thee,
And bring forth words out of their understanding?

"it is the heirs of all the ages who are the 'true ancients,' and each generation adds its own quota to the stock, the former age being less wise than the most recent": this is excellent philosophy, but questionable exegesis. The contrast in Bildad's mind is between modern individuals and the whole past of mankind; and he conveniently forgets, after the manner of traditionalists, that that past, too, was composed of individuals, that the oldest doctrine was once new, and that novelty and antiquity are alike irrelevant as tests of truth.—*Know nothing*] Heb. *and do not know*, the vb. *to know* being used absolutely, as in 34² (where the part. "(Ye) that know," is parallel to "(Ye) wise"), and, negatived as here, Is. 44⁹, Ps. 73²².—*Because our days . . . are a shadow*] cp. 14², Ps. 102¹² 109²³, Qoh. 6¹² 8¹³, Wis. 2⁵, all of which passages the present would more closely resemble if we read, *And our days . . . are like a shadow* (כצל for כי צל: so §).

10. *They*] the pronoun is independently expressed in the Hebrew, and therefore emphatic.—*Out of their understanding*] as their position in the Hebrew shows, the emphatic words in the clause. Words of *understanding* (לב, heart: see on 7¹⁷) are theirs, in opposition to the empty ill-considered words of Job (v.³).

11-19. The teaching of the ancients, cast by the poet into his own words, and expressed in imagery, drawn from plant-life, so common in this book, and the fragile spider's web. And first (¹¹⁻¹³) the rapid ruin of those who forget God, and are deprived of His sustenance and support, is compared to the speedy collapse of some lofty water-reed, when suddenly deprived of water. The allusions to the papyrus and reed-grass, which are for the most part referred to in connection with Egypt, may be due to the poet's knowledge of, or personal acquaintance with, Egypt; but in view of the growth of papyrus (at least in modern times) in the Jordan valley, and of the references to papyrus in Is. 35⁷ (if the text may be trusted) and (probably) to the reed-grass in Hos. 13¹⁵, this is not certain.

- 11 Will the papyrus rise up proudly without mire?
 Will the reed-grass grow without water?
 12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, without being cut down,
 Before any other herb it withereth.
 13 So is the 'end' of all that forget God;
 And the hope of the godless man perisheth:
 14 Whose confidence is cut off,
 And whose trust is a spider's web.

11. *Papyrus*] Hebrew *gōme'*, Ex. 2³, Is. 18² 35⁷ †. A tall reed, consisting of a bare stem, ten feet or more in height with a large tuft of leaves and flowers at the top (see illustration in Tristram, *NHB* 434, or *EBi.* 3557), abundant in ancient Egypt, but now extinct there and found only on the banks of the "Blue" and "White" Nile. It also grows in the Jordan valley, especially in the Huleh swamps (Post in *DB* iv. 212^b). —*Mire*] or *swampy ground*: בִּצְרָה, 40²¹ (EVV. *fen*), Ezk. 47¹¹ † (*miry place*); cf. בִּיץ, Jer. 38²² †. —*Reed-grass*] Heb. 'āhū, Egypt. *ahū* (from *aha*, to be green): so Gn. 41^{2, 18} † (+ according to some, Hos. 13¹⁵); and in the form *āχei* in *Ḳ* Gn. 41^{2, 3, 18, 19}, Is. 19⁷, Sir 40¹⁶; and Θ Jb. 8¹¹. See, further, *EBi.* 1532*f*.

12. *His greenness*] cf. Ct. 6¹¹ † אֲבִי הַנֶּחֱלֵל, the *fresh, green shoots* of the wādy; and the Aram. אֲנָבָא, *fruit*, Dn. 4^{9, 11, 18} (12, 14, 21) †; in *Ṭ* אֲנָבָא, Gn. 3⁶ al. —*It withereth*] in its full luxuriance, without being cut off, merely by the withdrawal of its water.

13. Such is the fate of those that forget God.—*The end*] as ⁷. אֵל has *the paths* (אֲרָחוֹת); but "end" (עֵץ) is much more suitable: so Me. Bi. Sgf. Gr. Bu. Klo. Du.—*The godless man*] Heb. *hānēf*: Jb. 8¹³ 13¹⁶ 15³⁴ 17⁸ 20⁵ 27⁸ 34³⁰ 36¹³; elsewhere only Is. 9¹⁰⁽¹⁷⁾ 10⁶ 33¹⁴, Ps. 35¹⁶, Pr. 11⁹ †, with derivatives in Is. 32⁶, Jer. 23¹⁵ †. The cognate verb means to *be profane*, Jer. 23¹¹, or polluted, especially by bloodshed, idolatry, or other grave offence, Is. 24⁵, Jer. 3¹ al. With ^b, cf. Pr. 10²⁸ "and the hope of the wicked *perisheth*."

14. Whatever he relies upon to secure his position, and protect him against ruin, fails him. Line ^a slightly emended, to the great improvement of the parallelism, reads: "Whose

- 15 He leaneth upon his house, but it standeth not :
 He holdeth fast thereby, but it endureth not.
- 16 Full of sap is he before the sun,
 And his shoots go forth over his garden.
- 17 His roots are twined over the heap,
 He ¹ pierceth ¹ the place of stones.
- 18 If one destroy him out of his place,
 Then it will deny him (saying), I have not seen thee.

confidence (on) gossamer is (placed), see phil. n.—*Trust*] *i.e.* object of trust, as 18¹⁴ Heb., 31²⁴, Jer. 48¹³, Ezk. 29¹⁶ (EVV. *confidence*).—*A spider's web*] Heb. *house*. An obvious emblem of fragility: cf. 27¹⁸ n., Is. 59^{5,6}. Hirzel compares aptly Qor. 29⁴⁰ “the likeness of those who take to themselves patrons beside God is as the likeness of the spider who taketh to herself a house; and verily the *frailest of houses is the spider's house* (*baitu 'l'ankabūti*).”

15. Development of, or (Bu.) a gloss on, 14^b. His own “house” is as fragile as the spider's: though he leans upon it, and holds it firmly, it affords him no support. “House” is naturally to be taken here in a broad sense, including his family, establishment, and the resources implied in the possession of an estate.

16-18. Another comparison to a plant. Such a man is like a creeper, firmly rooted in a garden, thriving in the warmth of the sun, and spreading luxuriantly, which, however, if it is once destroyed, is utterly and for ever forgotten. The figure and the thing signified are blended into one by the poet: the subject of the description is the godless man, conceived and pictured as a plant.

16. *Full of sap*] properly *moist*; cf. the cognate verb, 24⁸ (EVV. *are wet*)[†].—*Before the sun*] under the fostering heat of the sun.

17. *Pierceth*] Or (with other points) *taketh hold of*: see phil. n. **𐤀** *beholdeth*.—*Place of stones*] questionable: see phil. n.

18. *Destroy*] lit. *swallow up*, fig. for entire annihilation. So 2⁸ (see n.) al. The unnamed subject may be either “he”

- 19 Behold, that is the joy of his way,
 And out of the dust another spring ¹eth¹.
 20 Behold, God rejecteth not a perfect man,
 And taketh not hold of the hand of evil-doers
 21 He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter,
 And thy lips with shouting.
 22 They that hate thee will be clothed with shame,
 And the tent of the wicked will be no more.

(God), or הַיִּבְלֵץ (= "one"); see on 3²⁰ phil. n.; and add E. König, *Stilistik. Rhetorik. Poetik*, p. 115.—*I have not seen thee*] a formula of emphatic repudiation (Dt. 33⁹).

19. *That is the joy of his way*] i.e. of his path in life: the "joy," of which he was himself so proud, and which may have been envied by others, is shortlived, and comes abruptly to an end. The expression is used with a touch of irony. There is no need to correct the text (see phil. n.).—*Out of the dust another springeth*] the figure of the plant is still maintained. He is not missed: his place is immediately filled by another, just as though he had never been. הֶעָץ, to *spring up* (as a plant), Gn. 2⁵ etc.; fig. of men, as Is. 44⁴. עָפָר, *dust*, poet. for the soil forming the surface of the earth, as 5⁶ 14⁸ 28² 30⁶ 41²⁵ (33), Is. 2^{19, 19}. The fall of the godless man, here described, from the height of prosperity to the direst adversity resembles that of Job; and Bildad, though he does not say it in so many words, no doubt desires Job to consider whether his own misfortune may not be due to the same cause.

20-22. But God does not forsake the righteous, not even when he is in adversity, if he only turns to Him for help (5-7): if, therefore, Job is really blameless (6), he may rest assured that he will again be blessed with prosperity.

20. *Perfect*] 1¹ n.—*Taketh not hold*, etc.] to support him: the figure, as Is. 41¹³ 42⁶ al.

21. Development of 20^a: happiness is still in store for Job.—*Be filled with laughter*] Ps. 126² אֵין יִשְׁחֹק פִּינוּ.—*Shouting*] i.e. joyous shouting: cp. the cognate vb. in 38⁷, Is. 44²³.

22. Development of 20^b: Job's enemies, who delight in his misfortune, will be filled with disappointment when they see

him again prosperous; and disaster will overtake the wicked. Bildad's last words are double-edged. On the one hand, in so far as he seems to identify Job's enemies with the wicked, he implies that he does not class Job among them; on the other hand, the last line suggests ominously that it is just Job's tent which is already no more.—*Clothe themselves with shame*] the figure, as Ps. 35²⁶ 109²⁹ (הִלָּחֲזוּ) 132¹⁶.—*The tent*] 5²⁴.

IX. X. Job's reply to Bildad's first speech.—Though there is no unambiguous address to Bildad in particular, or to the three friends together (ct. 6²²⁻²⁹), 9¹⁻²⁴ may be regarded as the direct reply to Bildad, opening, as it does, with reference to Bildad's opening words, and in ²²⁻²⁴ giving direct contradiction to his closing words in 8²⁰⁻²². But in the remainder of the speech Job, disregarding the friends (as in the latter part of his previous speech, c. 7), is rather musing to himself on God's mysterious ways (9^{25f. 32-35}), and considering how he will question Him (10^{2ff.}), or directly addressing himself to God (9^{28b-31}). In the direct reply Job takes up Bildad's conception of the divine might and justice. Certainly God is irresistible in His might (9⁴⁻¹³): if, then, to be almighty (cp. 8³ n.) is to be just, if justice is whatever an almighty being may do, God is just (9^{2f.}), and certainly, if He insists on holding Job to be guilty, Job cannot establish his innocence over against Him (9¹⁴⁻²¹). On the other hand, Bildad is quite wrong in maintaining (8²⁰⁻²²) that God's might or justice was discriminative; it is not: for innocent and guilty alike go down before it (9²²⁻²⁴). In the remainder of his speech Job muses on the brevity of life (9²⁵⁻²⁷ 10²⁰⁻²²), on the futility of attempting to establish his innocence against God's determination to hold him guilty and treat him with severity (9²⁹⁻³⁵), and on the apparent contradictoriness of God's actions in thus treating him (10^{5-7. 14-17}), after having lavished such care on him both before (⁸⁻¹¹) and after (¹²) birth. Why did He bring him into life (10^{18f.})? Why cannot He at least leave him alone for the few days of life that remain (²⁰⁻²²)?

IX. 2-4. Job ironically concedes Bildad's position (8³) that God never acts unjustly, and consequently whatever He does is right: man is powerless before Him; what chance has he to prove himself innocent, when God, who sets Himself the

IX. ¹ And Job answered and said,

² Of a truth I know that it is so :

And how can a man be just with God?

³ If he were to desire to dispute with him,

He could not answer him one of a thousand.

⁴ Wise in heart, and mighty in strength—

Who (ever) hardened (himself) against him, and
prospered?

standard of righteousness, and is irresponsible and omnipotent, is resolved to prove him guilty?

2. *Of a truth*] ironically, as 12².—*That it is so*] what Bildad has said (8³).—*And how*, etc.] Eliphaz's principle (4¹⁷), with the change of *וְ* into *עַם*—perhaps (Dr.) to suggest the double sense, “How can man be just *in the estimation of* (עַם, *with*, as 1 S. 2²⁶, 2 S. 6²²) God?” and “How can man have right (in a contest) *with* God?” For עַם, *with*, suggesting *in a contest with*, cf. 3. 14 10^{17b} 16²¹, Ps. 94¹⁶ מִי יִקוּם לִי עִם מַרְעִים.

3-4. If man did wish to contend with God, for the purpose of establishing his righteousness, he would be foredoomed to failure, he could not answer Him one of the innumerable questions which, in His infinite superiority to man, He would put to him: His wisdom, combined with His might (^{4a}—a summary anticipation of 5^{ff.}: cp. also 19, Is. 40²⁶), would bring about his complete discomfiture. A less probable view of ^{4a} is that it goes with “who” in ^b—who, however great and strong, hardened himself, etc. (Olsh. Ehrlich).

4. *In heart*] in intellect, 7¹⁷ n.—*Hardened (himself) against him*] probably with an ellipse, *hardened (his neck) against him*, i.e. (Da.) *braved him*: cf. Dt. 10¹⁶, Jer. 7²⁶, Pr. 29¹ (vb.), Ex. 32⁹ (adj.) al. Possible also is an ellipse, as perhaps in Ex. 13¹⁵, of heart (Ps. 95⁸, Pr. 28¹⁴) or spirit (Dt. 2³⁰).—*And prospered*] or, more exactly, *was (came off) whole* (8⁶ n.), i.e. safe and sound.

5-10. Description of God's omnipotence as manifested in the mighty works of nature. Cf. the picture drawn by Eliphaz, 5⁹⁻¹⁶, who, however, in agreement with his line of argument, selects examples of the *beneficent* operations of God, whereas

- ⁵ Who removeth the mountains, and they know it not,
 Who overturneth them in his anger:
⁶ Who shaketh the earth out of her place,
 And the pillars thereof tremble:
⁷ Who commandeth the sun, and it beameth not;
 And sealeth up the stars:

Job selects examples illustrating His unlimited and even irresponsible and destructive *power*.

5. A hyperbolical description of the dislodgment of huge masses of rock from a mountain, either by an earthquake or, in a thunderstorm, by lightning, or of great boulders being rolled down the gullies by the torrents of water which in a storm rapidly fill them (as may be witnessed sometimes in the Sinaitic Peninsula; see "Neh.-Mal." in the *Century Bible*, p. 99 f.).—*And they know it not*] so quickly is it done: cf. (for the meaning of the expression) Ps. 35⁸, Is. 47¹¹, Pr. 5⁶, Jer. 50²⁴. Or, to obtain a closer parallel with the last part of ^b, reading the vb. in the sing., with God as the subj., Who removeth mountains *without knowing it*, so easily and without effort does He act.

6. Earthquakes. The description is again hyperbolical. The earth was supposed to be supported upon massive pillars: cf. 38⁶, 1 S. 2⁸, Ps. 104⁵ (ct. 26⁷: see n.). Or the pillars of the earth may be identical with what in 26¹¹ are called the pillars of heaven: *i.e.* the mountains rising from the horizon on earth and supporting heaven.

7. Abnormal obscurations of the heavens, whether caused by heavy thunderstorms, or by sandstorms (see Dr. on Ex. 10²³), or eclipses.—*Beameth not*] The word is the one regularly used of the sun's "rising": but its proper meaning is to *beam* or *shine forth*; and it is not confined to the literal rising of the sun (cf. Is. 58¹⁰).

8-10. Regarded by some as an insertion: see phil. notes. Note ^{8a} = Is. 44^{21d} (cp. Is. 40^{22b}, Ps. 104²); ^b cp. Mic. 1^{3b}; ⁹ cp. Am. 5⁸; ¹⁰ = 5⁹.

8-9. God's power, as shown in the workmanship of heaven, and (^{8b}) in His sovereign control of the billows of the sea.

- ⁸ Who alone stretched out the heavens,
 And treadeth upon the waves of the sea :
⁹ Who made the Bear (and) Orion,
 And the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south :

8. *Treadeth*, etc.] Viz. in a tempest, when the *waves* (Heb. "high places") rise mountain-high, and Yahweh was supposed to walk on their crest. Elsewhere Yahweh is described as treading, or marching, on the "high places" of the earth (Am. 4¹³, Mic. 1³). The expression implies undisputed possession of, or uncontrolled sovereignty over: cf. (of Israel in Canaan) Dt. 32¹³ 33²⁹, Is. 58¹⁴; also Ps. 18³⁴ (33), Hab. 3¹⁹.

9. Three constellations, which, though the ancients were completely unaware of their gigantic size, impressed them by their brilliancy and magnificence, as they glowed in the nocturnal heavens. The identifications are not certain: see more fully on 38^{31f}, Del. and Di. here and on 38^{31f}, *EBi.* s.v. *Stars*, § 3 (Burney). — *The Bear*] Heb. *‘āsh*, in 38³² † spelt more correctly *‘ayish*, though (as Syriac shows) *‘īyyāsh* would be the best pronunciation. In 38³¹ the reference is to *‘Ayish* and her children, the children, if the identification with the Bear be correct, being presumably the three stars of the tail. But, on account of its greater meteorological significance (cp. 38²²⁻³¹), the Pleiades have been thought to be the constellation invoked, *‘Ayish* being strictly the principal star of the group (Alcyone), the remainder her children.—*Orion*] 38³¹, Am. 5⁸; and in the pl. Is. 13¹⁰ †, "For the stars of the heavens and *their Orions*—i.e. their constellations like Orion—shall not give their light," etc. The Heb. is כְּסִיל, the common word for *fool* (Pr. 1^{22.32} etc.): c. 38³¹ speaks of the "bands" of Orion: as Orion was supposed by the ancient Greeks to be a giant bound in the heavens by chains, it is difficult not to think that some similar idea underlay the Heb. name, and that there was some legend of a giant who, confiding foolishly in his strength, and defying the Almighty, was, as a punishment for his arrogance, bound for ever in the sky. The identification of כְּסִיל with Orion is as ancient as G 38³¹, Is. 13¹⁰, and is generally accepted. Saad. and some others identify it with Canopus.—*The Pleiades*] 38³¹, Am. 5⁸ †. If the first-named

10 Who doeth great things past finding out;
Yea, marvellous things without number.

constellation be rightly identified with the Pleiades, that now named (כִּימָה) must be something else—possibly Sirius. The Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades attracted notice at an early period among the Greeks also, partly, perhaps, on account of their conspicuousness, and partly because their risings and settings with the sun marked the seasons. Comp. Hom. *Il.* 18. 483-9 (as depicted on the shield of Achilles):

Ἐν μὲν γαῖαν ἔτευξ', ἐν δ' οὐρανόν, ἐν δὲ θάλασσαν,
Ἡελίον δ' ἀκάμαντα, Σελήνην τε πλήθουσιν,
ἐν δὲ τὰ τεύρεα πάντα, τά τ' οὐρανόσ' ἐστεφάνωνται,
Πληϊάδας θ' Ὑάδας τε, τό τε σθένης Ὠρίωνος,
Ἄρκτον θ', ἣν καὶ ἕμαξαν ἐπὶ κλησὶν καλέουσιν,
ἣ τ' αὐτοῦ στρέφεται, καὶ τ' Ὠρίωνα δοκεύει,
οἷν δ' ἄμμορός ἐστι λοετρῶν Ὠκεανοῖο.

Od. v. 272-5 (Ulysses sitting by the helm, sleepless—Πληϊάδας τ' ἐσορῶντι καὶ ὄψ' ἐδύνοντα Βοώτην Ἄρκτον θ', κτλ.—as in the three lines just quoted). *Il.* 22. 27-31 (Achilles in his flashing armour compared to the dog-star):

ὅς ῥά τ' ὀπώρας εἰσιν, ἀρίζηλοι δὲ οἱ ἀνγαῖ
φαίνονται πολλοῖσι μετ' ἄστρασι νυκτὸς ἀμολγῶ·
ὅν τε κύν' Ὠρίωνος ἐπὶ κλησὶν καλέουσι·
λαμπρότατος μὲν ὄδ' ἐστί, κακὸν δέ τε σῆμα τέτυκται,
καὶ τε φέρει πολλὸν πυρετὸν δειλοῖσι βροτοῖσιν.

The chambers of the south] this translation of the Hebrew phrase assumes an unusual orthography (כִּמָּה for כִּימָה), but is more probable than the alternative *the chambers of the Twins* (כִּמָּה = כִּמָּה, Aramaic pl. for כִּמָּה). But the chambers of the south can hardly refer to a single particular constellation, though in the context it would be most natural to look for this; if the text and translation are correct, the term probably refers to constellations which, as the poet knew, appeared above the horizon as a traveller journeyed south (Dr.). Less probable in the context would be the identification with “the storehouses of elemental forces, such as the storm, or light and darkness: cp. 37⁹ 38²²” (Peake). Hoffm. by a slight emendation (כִּמָּה וְכִמָּה)

- ¹¹ Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not :
 He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
¹² If he seizeth, who can turn him back ?
 Who can say unto him, What doest thou ?
¹³ God doth not turn back his anger ;
 The helpers of Rahab did stoop under him.

for 'חררי ה' obtains the names of two constellations—*Hdr* and the Twins.

10. Repeated almost *verbatim* from 5⁹ (Eliphaz).

11-24. From the general truth that man cannot establish his right in a conflict with God (²⁴), whose might is overwhelming (⁴⁻¹⁰), Job passes (¹¹⁻¹³) to its special application to himself, and, in particular, first on the supposition that God summons Job to answer a charge (^{14, 15}), and then on the supposition that Job summons God (¹⁶⁻²⁰); in either event he would be overwhelmed by God's might, terrorized into not maintaining, but at best supplicating for, his right (¹⁵), or, having summoned God, to charge not Him, but himself, with wrong (²⁰). And so he returns to generalization: God destroys men indifferently, whether they are actually good men or bad men (²²), or, if He discriminates, it is in favour of the wicked (²⁴).

11. Job, like the mountains (⁵), lay in the path of God as He passed along in His anger; and though He passed invisibly, Job knows that He has passed by the effect of His passage; like mountains overturned by the same cause, Job's life lies in ruins. Instead of directly stating this fact, Job speaks quasi-hypothetically (see phil. n.), but only in order to suggest the more strongly the divine origin and, therefore, the irreparableness of his ruin, and the impossibility of withstanding or questioning God's action (¹²⁻¹⁴).

12. Cp. 11¹⁰ 23¹³.

13. Man cannot (¹²), and God Himself (emphatic), who might (and, as others thought, often did, Ps. 78³⁸), does not, turn back His anger; the only thing to do then, as the mighty beings of ancient story found, was to sink down under Him as He passed along. The anger of God does not appear to Job as it did to the prophets (e.g. Is. 9¹¹ etc.), to be provoked or maintained in

action by human sin : it is ethically uncontrolled, sheer power in action, destroying things and men indifferently, whether mighty mountains, or frail though innocent men like Job, who come in its way. The conception has its parallel in early popular thought of Yahweh (see, *e.g.*, 2 S. 6^{off.}), which left its mark even on much later theology ; see, especially in P, Nu. 1⁵³ 17¹¹ 18⁵ (see nn. on those passages in *ICC*, and also on Nu. 22³²) ; but Job rather heightens the picture of man's helplessness in a world subject to God's anger : popular thought pictured that anger aroused by man's intrusion, however unwilling and involuntary, on what was holy or sacred to God ; Job thinks of man passively and helplessly exposed to that anger, if God merely happens to come his way.—*The helpers of Rahab* [Rahab, meaning boisterousness, arrogancy, and perhaps overbearingness (cp. Is. 3⁵ and n. on Is. 14⁴), is, apparently, a popular name given in Hebrew folklore to the sea-monster (תנין, 7¹²), who in primæval times (Is. 51⁹) had defied, but been vanquished by, Yahweh (26¹², where Rahab is || to the sea ; Is. 51⁹, || תנין, Ps. 89¹¹ : cp. Is. 30⁷?). In Ps. 87⁴ Rahab is employed as a name for Egypt, which country in the person of its king is addressed elsewhere as : “Thou great monster (התנין) which lieth in the midst of its streams (יאריו), who saith, Mine is the Nile (יאר), and I made it” (Ezk. 29³). This sea-monster of Hebrew popular story is obviously derived from the Tiâmat (philologically = Heb. *t'hôm*, the abyss) of the Babylonian myth, the great dragon representing the sea and the forces of disorder, which were vanquished by Marduk before Creation. The *helpers of Rahab* come from the same source : in Tablet IV. lines 105 ff. of *Enuma Elish* (L. King, *The Seven Tablets of Creation* ; Rogers, *CP*), Marduk, after slaying Tiâmat, deals with her helpers :

When he had slain Tiâmat, the leader,
 Her power was broken, her army was scattered
 And the gods, *her helpers*, who marched at her side,
 Trembled and were afraid and turned back.
 They broke away to save their lives,
 But they were surrounded, they could not escape.
 He took them captive, he broke their weapons,
 In the net they were thrown, and in the snare they remained.

- ¹⁴ How much less shall I answer him,
 And choose out my words (to reason) with him?
¹⁵ Whom, though I were righteous, I could not answer;
 I should make supplication to mine adversary.
¹⁶ If I had cited (him), and he had answered me;
 I should not believe that he would give ear unto my voice.

. . . The world they filled with cries of sorrow,
 They bore his punishment, they are shut up in prison
 (Rogers' translation).

In Ps. 89¹¹ these helpers are referred to, in parallelism with Rahab, as Yahweh's enemies.

14. *Answer him*] rebut the charge brought against me by God, who is here represented as Job's opponent-at-law. So ^b means: how incapable should I be of selecting a successful line of defence in my conflict with (עַם, as ³: see n. on ²) Him in the law court.

15. Though his case were perfectly good, with such an opponent, he could not so argue as to get a decision on its merits; he could at best cast himself on the favour of his adversary (= opponent-at-law: see phil. n.), with a view to obtaining as a favour what was really his by right.

16-18. Even though Job were to summon God to answer a charge (cp. 13^{22b}), and God were to appear in court in response to the summons, yet God would by violent methods (^{17f.}) in court prevent him from formulating his just charge against Him.

16. *Cited (him)*] Heb. *called*, קרא being used of a legal summons as in Is. 59⁴ (|| נשפט).—*Answered*] i.e. appeared in response to the summons, so rather similarly 5¹, where appearance in response to Job's call, not a speech in reply, is intended. Du., understanding *answer* in the sense of speech in reply, reads "he would not answer me" (after G^B) to harmonize ^a on this view with ^b: see phil. n.

17f. The vbs. describe what would be God's conduct in court, if He were to appear there; but if G^B be followed in ¹⁶ they describe God's present actual treatment of Job: then render (Hi. Du., and in ¹⁷ RV.): *bruise*th, *multiplie*th, *suffereth me not*, and *satiateth*; in this case with ^{18a}, cp. 7^{19b}, and with ^{18b}, 13²⁶.

- ¹⁷ For he would bruise me with a tempest,
And multiply my wounds without cause.
- ¹⁸ He would not suffer me to take my breath,
But would satiate me with bitterness.
- ¹⁹ If (it be a question) of the strength of the mighty, "Here [I
am]!" (saith he);
And if of judgment (he saith), "Who will appoint me a
time?"
- ²⁰ Though I were righteous, mine own mouth would condemn
me;
I am perfect; and he declares me crooked!

¹⁷. *Bruise*] see phil. n.—*Tempest*] cp. 38¹ 40⁶; and see phil. n. Hi. gives the word (שערה) the meaning of *hair* (cp. Ƨ: see phil. n.) as in 4¹⁵, and renders ^{17a}: who drags me by the hair (cp. 16¹²). But the sing. of the noun would be as questionable here as in 4¹⁵, and the vb. does not mean *to drag*.—b. Cp. 2³.

¹⁹. "God's might is such that he is ready for any contest, and superior to the summons of any judge" (Dr.). See, further, phil. n.—*Appoint me a time*] the Hif. (Jer. 49¹⁹ = 50^{44†}) of the vb. used in c. 2¹¹ (n.): the meaning here is: Fix the day on which I must appear to be judged.

²⁰. *Righteous . . . condemn*] the second vb. is the declarative Hif. (G-K. 53c) of רשע (the antithesis of צדק, *righteous*), and means *would declare*, or *pronounce, unrighteous*. Primarily both the vb. and adj. of צדק and רשע mean right or wrong in a particular case, innocent or guilty of a particular charge (cp. e.g. Dt. 25¹: judges are to "pronounce the innocent innocent, and the guilty guilty": EV. renders badly); and here, with the prevailing figure of the law courts, we might render: though I were in the right, mine own mouth would pronounce me in the wrong. But the implied charge here is so general (cp. b), that there is no substantial difference in this particular case (ct. Dt. 25¹) between the two renderings, *in the right* and *righteous*.—*Mine own mouth . . . he*] the parallelism would be more exact, if we read *his mouth* (but see phil. n.) in ^a, or (better) treated "mouth" not "God" as the subj. in ^b, rendering "it declares."—*Perfect . . . crooked*] see 1¹ n.

²¹ I am perfect ; I care not for myself ;
I refuse my life.

²² It is (all) one ; therefore I say,
The perfect and the wicked he bringeth to an end !

²³ If the scourge slay suddenly,
He mocketh at the trial of the innocent.

21, 22. A succession of short clauses giving a verse structure very different from the normal : this is perhaps original and intentional (Bu.), to give effect in form to the emotional contents of the vv. For a reconstruction of the text, see phil. n. The vindication of his integrity is all that Job any longer cares about ; life he is quite ready to hazard ; it is all one to him whether he lives or dies : consequently he can and will speak, and freely (cp. 13¹³) : God may slay the wicked, as Bildad had asserted (8^{11f.}), but He also slays and so rejects the good, which Bildad had denied (8²⁰) ; and so in reality by His indiscriminating action He perverts justice, which also Bildad had denied (8³).

21. *I am perfect*] perhaps merely an accidental repetition from ²⁰ (Be.^K).—*I care not for myself*] Heb. I know (אָדָע) not my soul (*i.e.* myself : || “ my life ”), the vb. being used, as not infrequently, in the sense of caring, troubling about a thing : cp. Gn. 39⁶, Dt. 33⁹.—*I refuse my life*] cp. 7¹⁶, and see phil. n. there.

22. *It is all one*] G omits. T *it is one measure*, *i.e.* good and bad are requited alike (cp. Qoh. 9²), so Del.¹ (but not ²) and Ehrlich. But the phrase is to be explained with most moderns as above in the n. on ^{21, 22}.

23, 24. Examples of God's moral indifference : when the *scourge* of God (cp. Is. 10²⁴) is applied in the form of some plague that suddenly carries men off by the thousands, the innocent die as well as the wicked, and God shows Himself more than quietly indifferent to their fate : He *mocks at* (cp. Ps. 2⁴) their *trial*, or *despair* (see phil. n.). Again, the government is in the hands of godless men ; judges have been blinded so that they do not see the right, or perhaps, having been bribed, they deliberately overlook the right of the

²⁴ The earth is given into the hand of the wicked :
 He covereth the faces of the judges thereof ;
 If not, then, who is it ?

innocent ; in such social and political conditions the innocent come to an end at least as often as the wicked : indeed, the wicked is uppermost. Yet who is responsible for this, if not God (^{24c}) ? therefore God discriminates, if at all, against the innocent.

24. *The earth*] or possibly *a land, i.e. a province*. On the former view, cp. with *the judges thereof*, Ps. 2¹⁰ "judges of the earth" || to "kings." In either case the writer may have had in view the government and administration of some world empire of which Judah formed at the time a province : pagans ruled, pious, innocent Jews suffered.—*Is given*] or, pointing differently : He, *i.e.* God, hath given it. G omits ^{b, c}, and the words "it is (all) one" in ²²—probably to soften down the strong expressions in ²⁰⁻²⁴ : cp. G's substitution of "great" for "innocent" in ^{22b}.

25-35. Having completed his reply to Bildad with a direct contradiction of Bildad's contention, Job, musing now to himself, bemoans the brevity of his life (cp. 7^{6ff.}), and the impossibility of any alleviation of his distress while God retains His present attitude, the impossibility, too, of establishing his innocence so long as God is bent on besmirching (^{30f.}) him ; but if God would change His attitude and cease to overbear him with His terrible might, then Job would establish the integrity of which he is conscious (v. ^{34f.}). The lament over the brevity and near end of his life follows immediately on his expression of readiness to have done with it in ^{21f.} : cp. conversely 7^{15ff.} after 7^{6f.}.

25f. The speed with which his brief life is hurrying to its goal, Job illustrates by three finely varied and very suggestive figures, ^{25a} that of the solitary runner (רץ) making all haste to deliver his message (cp. 2 S. 18²²⁻²⁴), ^{26a} that of the fragile craft of reeds (see phil. n.) that skim so swiftly over the surface of the Nile—another indication of the poet's acquaintance with Egypt (cp. 8¹¹ n.), and ^{26b} that of a griffon swooping down on its prey.

- 25 And my days are swifter than a post:
 They flee away, they see no good.
 26 They shoot along like skiffs of reed,
 Like an eagle that swoopeth on the prey.
 27 If I say, "I will forget my complaint,
 I will put off my (sad) countenance, and brighten up":
 28 I dread all my pains;
 I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

25. *And my days*] the *and* is better omitted, with 2 MSS, **ΣΥ**: cp. 7⁶.—*Flee . . . see*] or *have fled . . . have seen*: the terms are pf.: so in 26^a. In 7^{6b, 7b} Job had no hope of any further sight of prosperity: here his present calamities have blotted out his memory of the prosperity that he had seen.

26. *An eagle*] strictly a *vulture*, a *griffon-vulture*: see Tristram, *NHB* 172 ff.; Dr. on Dt. 14¹² 32¹¹; *EBi.*, s.v. EAGLE: though Post in *DB* (cp. *Lex.* s.v. נֶשֶׁר) claims that the Heb. *nesher*, like the Arabic *nīsr*, might include eagles as well as vultures. In any case, the Hebrew associations with the word *nesher* were unlike the English associations with vultures; for though the *nesher's* habit of feeding on carrion was of course known, and is sometimes referred to (39³⁰; cp. Mt. 24²⁸ αἰετοί = Pesch. ܐܝܬܐ), it is most commonly mentioned in the OT. in nobler comparisons; see, e.g., Ex. 19⁴, Dt. 32¹¹, Is. 40³¹. Its swiftness, the point of comparison here, is frequently mentioned: see Hab. 1⁸ (swift on the prey, as here), 2 S. 1²³, Jer. 4¹³, La. 4¹⁹.

27a. Cp. 7^{13b}.—*Complaint*] (sad) musing, and the expression of it in words (see phil. n. on 7¹¹): the whole phrase is nearly equivalent to our "I will forget my thoughts."—*Put off my countenance*] this curious expression has a close parallel in 1 S. 1¹⁸ 𐤇 (not 𐤂): "her (sad) countenance was no more hers"; in Gn. 31^{2, 5} the expressions are much less similar.—*Brighten up*] 10²⁰: see phil. n.

28a. Cp. 7¹⁵. b. The pains (^a) will continue, for God is bent on regarding Job as not innocent, and, therefore, on afflicting him as ^{29a} one guilty.

²⁹ I am to be guilty!

Why then do I labour in vain?

³⁰ If I wash myself with snow,

And cleanse my hands with lye;

³¹ Then thou wilt plunge me in the ditch,

And mine own clothes shall abhor me.

³² For (he is) not a man, as I am, that I should answer him,

That we should come together in judgment.

³³ There is no umpire betwixt us,

That might lay his hand upon us both.

29. If, whatever happens, Job must endure the sufferings of the guilty (²⁸); if, as often as he clears himself, God fastens on him afresh the false charge of guilt—this point being expressed by the figure of a man cleansing himself in the most thorough manner possible only to be flung back by one stronger into a filthy, stinking ditch (^{30f.})—what use is there in any further attempt to clear himself (^{29b})?

30. *With snow*] regarded not unnaturally, though erroneously, as more cleansing than water. Me. *As snow* (cp. Is. 1¹⁸)—כִּמְנוֹ for כִּמְנוֹ.—*Lye*] alkali, obtained from the ashes of plants and used for cleansing the person; בַּר in this sense only here and Is. 1²⁵ (?); cp. בִּרְיָה, Jer. 2²², Mal. 3². The parallelism strongly favours giving בַּר this sense here (so T and most moderns; S took it in the sense of *cleanness*, as in 22³⁰, 2 S. 22²¹).

31. The moment he has finished washing, before he has dressed again, God plunges him in the filthy mire; when he issues from it his very clothes regard him as an abomination to be kept at a distance (cp. 30¹⁰, Ps. 88^{9(s)}), and so refuse to cover him. Some (Ew. al.), finding this powerful personification too strong or strange, think of Job as having been dipped in the filth clothed, and render (cp. Ezk. 16²⁵): my clothes make me an abomination (to others): others (see phil. n.) emend “clothes” into “friends” (then cp. Ps. 88⁹).

32. A just decision is impossible to obtain: for Job is human, God is not, and therefore Job cannot reply to (cp. 14^{f.}) God's charge.

33. Nor is there any one superior to them both to pronounce

- ³⁴ Let him take away his rod from me,
And let not his terror affright me :
³⁵ Then would I speak, and not fear him.
For not so am I with myself.

a decision and arbitrate between them.—*There is no*] so **פ** : **ו** might also be rendered: *Would that there were an*; but see phil. n.—*Umpire*] מוֹכִיחַ is here one who gives a decision in a dispute between two parties : cp. the use of the vb. in Gn. 31³⁷ and Is. 2⁴ (Yahweh will arbitrate in the disputes arising among many nations).—*Lay his hand upon*] exercise authority and control over: cp. Ps. 139⁵.

34 f. But let God meet Job on equal terms, not taking advantage of His irresistible might to beat him and terrify him into silence, and Job will freely utter his conviction of his own innocence, and, consequently, of the injustice of God's present violent treatment of him.

34. See 13²¹ 33⁷.

35. *Not so . . . with myself*] I am aware of nothing to make me afraid of Him, if He acts not in might, but in right: *with*, as 10¹³ 15⁹ 23¹⁴ 27¹¹.

X. And yet, whether God remove His rod and His terrors (9³⁴) or not, since Job is sick of life (1^a) and has, therefore, nothing more to fear (cp. 7^{15f.} 9^{21f.}), he will speak out his thoughts freely (1^{b, c}), and unreservedly interrogate God as to the reason of His contention with him (3. 6^{f.}); he asks God whether the reasons that occur to him, and yet seem so insufficient or irrelevant, are really the reasons: (1) Does God get any benefit or pleasure out of ill-treating and rejecting a life that has cost Him much labour to produce (3)? (2) Is God after all of limited vision and perception like men, so that He judges Job wrongly, and contends with him because He really has concluded that Job deserves the treatment (4)? or (3) Is God after all shortlived like men, so that He is in a hurry to seek out Job's sin before it has been committed (5)? Of these questions (2) and (3) are no further considered, perhaps because the answers to them are too obvious: God cannot see amiss and cannot die; but the various elements in (1) are elaborated in 8-22, viz. the pains

- X. ¹ My soul loatheth my life ;
 I will let my complaint take its course upon me ;
 I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
² I will say unto God, Do not condemn me ;
 Make me to know wherefore thou contendest with me ?
³ Is it good for thee that thou oppressest,
 That thou rejectest the work of thine hands,
 And that thou shinest upon the counsel of the wicked ?

taken by God to produce Job (⁸⁻¹²), and, in spite of this, His vigilant and persistent hostility to Job (¹³⁻¹⁷), and the question itself; why so strange a combination, why not, at least for the few days that remain to Job, leave him alone (¹⁸⁻²²)? The transitions of thought at the beginning of the chapter are not too clearly marked: in particular, the precise point of ⁵ is rather uncertain, whether interpreted as above or otherwise, and ⁶ would follow more easily as an alternative presentation of the case to ^{3b} than as the conclusion to ⁵. Du. omits ⁵; possibly, if we omit at all to recover an easier connection, it would be better to omit ^{3c-5}.

I. To avoid a tristich Bi. Du. omit ^c as a variation on ^{7¹¹}; but of the three lines ^{b, c} are the better parallels; if omission were required ^{1a} (a variation of ^{9²¹}) could be better spared.—*Complaint*] musing; ^{9²⁷} n.—*Let . . . take its course*] Job will no longer keep his musings to himself (cp. ^{7¹¹}), but let them loose: עֵיב, as ^{20¹³} (antithetical to מָנַע, *to hold back*), Ex. ^{23⁵}, and in the proverbial expression עֵצוֹר וְעֵיב, *shut up or let loose*, e.g. Dt. ^{32³⁶}.—*Upon me*] as ^{30^{2.16}} ^{14^{22b}}, Ps. ^{42⁶⁽⁵⁾} al.: see *Lex.* ^{753b}.

2. *Do not condemn me*] without formulating the charge (cp. ^b), or giving me the opportunity to rebut it.

3. *Is it good for thee*] i.e. advantageous to Thee: so Ex. ^{14¹²}, Nu. ^{14³}, Jg. ^{9²}.—*That thou oppressest*] Ἐὰν ἀδικήσω (= אֲרִשֶׁע, *if I am guilty* (cp. Ps. ^{51⁶}), is not preferable to ח. — *The work of thy hands*] the product of the toil (עֵיץ) of thy hands, different from the phrase מַעֲשֵׂה כַפַּיִם, commonly so rendered (see phil. n.). By this phrase, which he elaborates in ⁸⁻¹¹, Job refers to himself: but it is of course equally applicable

- ⁴ Hast thou eyes of flesh,
Or seest thou as man seeth?
⁵ Are thy days as the days of man,
Or thy years as man's days,
⁶ That thou seekest after mine iniquity,
And searchest after my sin,

to any man, righteous or wicked, so that the antithesis in ^c is rather lame, and ^c should perhaps be omitted (Bu. al.) and the v. reduced to a distich.

4. The supposition, if it could be entertained, might explain the present facts; but it cannot, for, though men sometimes act in disregard of the fact, it was a commonplace that God was spirit and not flesh (Is. 31³), and did not see with limited human vision (1 S. 16⁷).

5. Another supposition that merely needs to be stated to be rejected; for God's years have no end (Ps. 102²⁸).—*Man . . . man's*] different words in מַן (אָנוּשׁ . . . נֶבֶר); on the other hand, *days* is repeated, perhaps owing to an accidental replacement in ^b of *days* for *years*: cp. phil. n. on 8³. The point of the question has been differently taken: either, is God shortlived, and, therefore, limited in experience like men? in this case ⁵ is a variation of the thought of ⁴; or, is God so shortlived that He must make haste to achieve what He has set before Him before His years come to an end? In neither case does the question fit very naturally into the context: see above on 1^{ff}.

6. *That*] or, I put these questions, *for* (Du.).—*Mine iniquity . . . my sin*] sin not yet committed by Job, but which God by the infliction of severe suffering is, after the manner of an inquisitor, seeking to compel Job to acknowledge, and thereby give a ground for God's condemnation of him (Del. Di. Dr.); or, iniquity and sin such as Job admitted (7²¹), while refusing to admit "wickedness" (7^a) such as would justify the *severity* of God's treatment of him: "the fact of guilt he does not deny, but he cannot regard it as of primary importance: if God is regarded as a petty criminal judge, He is degraded to the (merely) human, and it is forgotten that He is the Creator, and

- ⁷ Although thou knowest that I am not wicked ;
 And there is none that can deliver out of thine hand ?
⁸ Thine hands have fashioned and formed me,
 'Afterwards thou turnest¹, and destroyest me !
⁹ Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast formed me as clay ;
 And wilt thou bring me into dust again ?

that man is not a stranger to Him, as the criminal to the judge, but a work of His own hands lovingly produced " (Du.).

7. The two lines express two very disparate ideas, and form very awkward parallels ; ^a seems most congruous with the context, and Be. Du. (see phil. n.), by a slight emendation, bring ^b into parallelism with it, rendering, And that there is no transgression (or, treachery) in my hand. Ehrlich, by an even slighter emendation (אֲרִיטָע for אֲרִיטָע in ^a), brings ^a into parallelism with ^b: in this case render :

Because Thou knowest that I cannot save myself,
 And that there is none that can deliver out of thy hand.

8-II. Amplification of ³. By a variety of metaphors, or comparisons with human handiwork, the poet emphasizes the care lavished by God on the production of Job.

8. *Fashioned*] like a sculptor.—*Afterwards thou turnest*] see phil. n. **U** EV. *together round about* with ^a, giving to the v. an unrhythmical structure.—*Destroyest*] 2³: Job does not know of the Satanic instigation to God's action.

9. *Formed me as clay*] like a potter ; cp. Is. 64⁷ 45⁹. Clay is regarded as the actual material of the human body in 4¹⁹ 33⁶: so some would read here חֲמֶר (cp. **U**) as an acc. of the material (G-K. 117^{hh}) or בְּחֶמֶר (cp. **ב** in Ex. 38⁸: Ehrlich), and render: formed me *out of* clay. Varying the figure the writer repeats the thought of ⁸: so much care (^{sa. 9a}) expended in vain (^{sb. 9b}); has Job been fashioned by the divine sculptor merely, through a change of whim, to be destroyed? has he been formed out of clay into a useful vessel merely to be broken up by the divine potter, and reduced again to meaningless particles of dust? It is true, this line of thought might easily have carried Job to the further point of questioning why man thus made should die at all so as to perish entirely; but since it

- ¹⁰ Didst thou not pour me out like milk,
 And curdle me like cheese?
¹¹ Thou didst clothe me with skin and flesh,
 And knit me together with bones and sinews.
¹² 'Favour' and kindness hast thou done with me,
 And thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

does not in any case do so in ⁸, it is ill-advised, on the ground that it does not do so in ⁹, to subordinate ^{9b} to "remember" in ^a: Remember that thou bringest men into dust again (Barth), *i.e.* that I am frail (cp. Ps. 103¹⁴) and mortal: and, then, with Di., to draw the necessary conclusion that ⁹ with this new, and in itself correct, but between ⁸ and ¹⁰ incongruous thought, is an interpolation.—*Bring . . . into dust again*] cp., of the normal lot of men, Ps. 90³, Gn. 3¹⁹, and see n. on 1²¹.

10, 11. The poet has no thought of the sinfulness of the flesh: the human body is the noble workmanship of God: behind and in the human functions of procreation and gestation lies the activity of God: it was He who poured the milk-like *semen* into the womb, transforming it there into the soft cheese-like substance of the unformed embryo (cp. *παρεῖς ἐν αἵματι*, Wis. 7²), clothing this with skin and flesh, and then within the flesh, providing a framework of intertwining (so also Ps. 139¹³) bones (cp. Qoh. 11⁵) and sinews; and so made Job. Cp. Ps. 139¹³⁻¹⁶ and, with less detailed reference to the activity of God, 2 Mac. 7^{22f.}; or without such reference, Wis. 7². Cf. later, ignobler descriptions of man's (physical) origin (*e.g.* "know whence thou camest: from a fetid drop," *מַטִּיפָה סְרוּחָה*, *Pirḳe Abhoth*, 3¹), especially where there is a contrast between the natural man—born of blood, the will of the flesh and the will of man (John 1¹³)—and the spiritual man.

11. Might, perhaps, better be subordinated like ^{10b} to the interrogative in ^{10a} Didst Thou not pour me out . . . curdle me . . . clothe me . . . knit me . . . ?

12f. The same care and pains that had been expended on his formation had been continued up through life, betokening, as it seemed, God's kindness to Job; but (¹³) from his recent and present experiences he must conclude that all this was but

¹³ And (yet) these things didst thou hide in thine heart ;

I know that this was in thy thoughts :

¹⁴ If I sinned, that thou wouldest mark me,

And wouldest not acquit me from my iniquity ;

a mask to the real thoughts of God (unfolded in ¹⁴⁻¹⁷), which were not kindly but malignant.—*Favour and kindness*] on the emendation, see phil. n. ; or, since alike in rhythm and sense the line would be complete without a second term, we might read simply : Kindness (hast Thou done with me). ח (EV.) *Life and kindness* ; and this has often been taken to refer to birth—having formed my body in the womb, Thou gavest me life when I issued from it. Yet even if ח is correct, ^{a. b} alike probably refer not to birth, but to the providence of God protecting and enriching Job throughout his earlier years. *Life* would be, not the beginning of life, the introduction of the life principle at birth, but duration of life, as, *e.g.*, in Ps. 21⁵ 34¹³, or life as health or welfare ; cp. Pr. 4²² (Wisdom's words are life unto those that find them, and healing to all their flesh), Mal. 2⁵ (החיים והשלום), Pr. 21²¹ (חיים . . . וכבוד) ; and with the coupling of *life* and *kindness* (חסד), we might compare the parallelism of life and favour in Pr. 3²² (חן), 8³⁵ (רצון).—*Thy visitation*] *i.e.* Thy providence. The noun (פקדה) in this sense occurs only here, but it corresponds exactly to the use of the vb. in, *e.g.*, Ps. 8⁵⁽⁴⁾ (cp. the ironical expansion of this in Job 7¹⁸), Jer. 29¹⁰.

13. *These things . . . this*] pointing forward to and explained in ¹⁴⁻¹⁷.—*I know*] 9²⁸.—*Was in thy thoughts*] Heb. *was with Thee*: 9³⁵ n.

14-17. The secret purposes of God (v.¹³), as Job imagines them.

14. If Job committed any of those sins which man is liable to commit (cp. 7²¹, v.⁶ n.), God would be on the alert that he should not escape punishment for it : there should be no letting of him off even for the least sin.—*Mark*] The same vb. (שמר) as in ¹² (*preserve*) : for the present nuance, cp. 13²⁷.

15. *Wicked*] The stronger term after *sin* in ¹⁴ (cp. ^{6f.}), or, rather (cp.^b), juridically (cp. 9²⁰ n.)—alike whether guilty or

¹⁵ If I were wicked, (that it would be) woe unto me;
 And if I were righteous, that I should not lift up my
 head,

Being filled with ignominy,
 And 'sated with' affliction.

¹⁶ And if (my head) rose up proudly, (that) thou wouldest
 hunt me like a lion;
 And again show thyself marvellous against me:

innocent of any charge you prefer against me, I should suffer.
 —*Lift up mine head*] cp. "Lift up the face," 11¹⁵ 22²⁶.—
Filled with] שבע: cp. 9¹⁸ יִשְׂבַּעַנִי בְּמַרְרִים.—*Sated with*] See
 phil. n.; מל probably means *look upon* (EV. "looking upon").
^{15c, d} are two-stressed lines, and may be an addition (Du.),
 or corrupt.

16. But even if, being righteous, he were to lift up his
 head, proud in the sense of innocence (ct. ^{15b}), God would, as
 fiercely as a lion (cp. Hos. 5¹⁴ 13⁷), hunt him down. But
 neither is the connection with ^{15b}, after the intervening ^{15c, d},
 nor the figure of hunting down a man walking proudly erect
 particularly probable; further, ^{16b} is more closely parallel to
^{17a} than to ^{16a} (note: "again" || "renew"), and if so taken,
^{17b, c} form a distich instead of the last two lines of a tristich as
 now. Not improbably ^{16a} is out of place (see phil. n. on ¹⁵).
 Omitting ^{15c, d} with their rhythmical peculiarities and ^{16a}, the
 presence of which is the cause of an apparent tristich, and read-
 ing יהודש in ^{17a}, the three distichs of which ¹⁵⁻¹⁷ then consist
 read as follows:

¹⁵ If I were wicked (that it would be), woe unto me;
 And if I were righteous, that I should not lift up my
 head;

^{16b} And (that) thou wouldest again show thyself mar-
 vellous against me,

¹⁷ And renew thy witnesses before me;
 (That) thou wouldest increase thy vexation against me,
 And bring fresh hosts upon me

The structural redundance of ^{16a} remains, and the other diffi-
 culties are at best only alleviated, if we render (reading with §

- ¹⁷ (That) thou wouldest renew thy witnesses before me,
 And increase thy vexation against me,
 'And bring fresh hosts¹ upon me.
- ¹⁸ Wherefore, then, hast thou brought me forth out of the
 womb?
 I ought to have given up the ghost, and no eye ought
 to have seen me.
- ¹⁹ I ought to have been as though I had not been;
 I ought to have been borne from the womb to the
 grave.

(וַאֲנִי): "And if I do proudly, like a lion, thou wouldest hunt me"; or (reading וְהִנָּחָה), "And thou wouldest rise up proudly, like a lion, to hunt me"; or, following אַ, "For I am hunted (= יְצוּרִי) like a lion for the slaughter" (וַיִּנָּחָה לְהַרְגָּה).—*Rose up proudly*] See 8¹¹ phil. n.

16b. Marvels now, not of creation (cp. נִפְלְאוֹת, 9¹⁰) and providence (8-12), but of destruction (cp. Is. 29¹⁴), torment, and hostility.

17. *Thy witnesses*] Job's "sufferings regarded as so many proofs of his guilt" (Dr.).—*Vexation*] 5² n.—**c.** הַ is taken to mean "relays and a host are against me," i.e. fresh forces—a military (cp. 16¹⁴ 19¹²) simile—constantly assail me, my sufferings never cease; this sense is better expressed, with direct reference to God as securing this constant supply of reserves, this perpetuity of suffering, by the emended text (see phil. n.).

18f. Cp. 3¹¹. For the omission of 18^f. (Me. Be.) there is no sufficient ground: as Bu. points out, they connect well with what precedes, and the transition from them to 20^f. is no more abrupt than it would be from 17 to 20^f.; still less probable is Sgf.'s omission of 18-22 as a parallel to v.³: this would make the speech end with v.¹⁷—an unlikely conclusion.

19a. Cp. 3^{16a}.—*Borne*] Cp. 21³².

20-22. Turning from the vain reflections of 18^f. Job, on the ground of the brevity of life and of his rapid (cp. 9^{25f}.) approach to the dark realm of death, appeals to God to leave him alone that he may cheer up a little. He retains, in spite of his present

²⁰ Are not 'the' days 'of my life' few?

'Look away' from me, that I may brighten up a little,

²¹ Before I go whence I shall not return,

Unto the land of darkness and dense darkness,

²² A land of gloom, like blackness,

(A land) of dense darkness and disorder,

And where the shining is as blackness.

sufferings, which seem to betoken God's hostility, a certain remnant of his former trust in God and reliance on Him as a friend, which allows him to appeal to God for pity: but there is so much sense of the hostility that the relief he craves is that God may cease to take notice of him (ct. 29²⁻⁵).

20. *U* literally rendered is: *Are not my days few? Let him cease, let him set* (or, *Qrê, Cease, then, and set*) *from me that I may brighten up a little.* The sense rather questionably imposed upon this by interpreters does not differ substantially from that which is well expressed in the emended text (see phil. n.).—*Brighten up*] 9²⁷ n.

21a. Cp. 7⁷⁻¹⁰ 14¹⁰⁻¹².

21b, 22. Sheol, the land of darkness, whose very (sun)-shine is black. The text is probably not altogether in order; see phil. n.

XI. Šophar's first speech.—By way of apology, yet not politely like Eliphaz (4²), but, like Bildad (8²), bluntly, at once implying his condemnation of Job, Šophar begins (2⁻⁴) with a series of rhetorical questions: Is a man, voluble like Job, and a scoffer too, not to be answered? He then (5⁻¹²) takes up a point already alluded to by Eliphaz (5^{9ff.}), viz. the inscrutability of God's ways; Job had pleaded that God, knowing him to be righteous, treats him as if he were wicked: Šophar answers: You have no right to say this, for you cannot read God's mind; you may think yourself righteous, but God may, and indeed, as His treatment of you shows, does, know that you have done wrong; God is beyond question and impossible to oppose. In 13⁻²⁰ Šophar points the same moral that both Bildad (8^{5-7, 20-22}) and Eliphaz (5^{17ff.}) have previously urged: Let Job turn to God and dispossess iniquity from his life and home: all will then be

XI. ¹ Then answered Ṣophar the Naamathite, and said :

² Should a multitude of words not be answered ?

And should a man full of talk be justified ?

³ Should thy boastings make men hold their peace ?

And shouldest thou mock, with none to make thee
abashed ?

well—but dark is the fate of the obstinately wicked (²⁰; cp. in Bildad, 8¹¹⁻¹⁹. 22b).^{*}

2-4. Referring plainly enough to Job throughout, Ṣophar descends in expression from the general to the particular: in general, should any man be allowed to establish his case merely because he commands an uninterrupted flow of language (²)? Should Job in particular be allowed to silence every one by his speech, which is at once empty (^{3a}) in spite of its amount and irreligious (^{3b})? Should he be allowed to give the lie to God by claiming to be righteous (⁴), when He, by His present treatment of Job, is declaring Job to be wicked? For this is tantamount to the blasphemy of charging God with being in the wrong, unrighteous (ct. Ps. 51^{5f}. (3f.)).

2. *A multitude of words*] as Pr. 10¹⁹, Qoh. 5², or, *one* (or, *a man*) *of many words* (cp. ^b).—*A man full of talk*] lit. “a man of lips”—“insinuating (cp. Is. 29¹³) that Job’s words are not really the expression of his heart” (Dr.). Cp. 16⁵ “the solace of my lips,” *i.e.* hollow sympathy. Ṣophar is probably thinking less of the length of Job’s last speech (Peake), which is scarcely longer than his first, and not greatly longer than that of Eliphaz, than of his apparent irrepressibility: the speeches of Eliphaz and Bildad ought to have silenced him, but they have not.

3, 4. Unlike ², these vv. are not marked as interrogatives by the use of an interrogative particle; in **ח**, therefore, they are ambiguous; **ח** intends *both* (not only ⁴, as in EV.) to be taken affirmatively: Thy boastings silence . . . and thou mockest . . . and thou sayest; see phil. n.—*Boastings*] for the word (בָּרִים) see Is. 16⁶ = Jer. 48³⁰ (with the same sense as here), and Is. 44²⁵, Jer. 50³⁶ † (meaning *boasters*, *praters*). The punctuation of **ח** presupposes the root בָּרַד: even so compare the root בָּרַא

⁴ 'Shouldest' thou say, "My doctrine is pure,
And I was clean in thine eyes"?

⁵ But oh that God would speak,
And open his lips (in argument) with thee;

⁶ And that he would declare to thee the secrets of wisdom,
That it is 'marvellous' in resourcefulness!

Know, then, that God causeth to be forgotten unto thee somewhat of
thine iniquity.

of which the vb. occurs in 1 K. 12³³, Neh. 6⁸†, in NH., which also employs the noun 𐤍𐤏𐤔𐤁, a *liar* (see *NHVB*), and in Syr.—*Mock*] viz. God: cp. the use of the noun (𐤍𐤏𐤔) in 34⁷, and cp. ^{5f.} there with ⁴ here. The parallel might suggest that the implicit object is men: so Renan, "Te moqueras-tu des gens"; but this is less probable.

4. Whether taken interrogatively or affirmatively the saying attributed to Job refers not to what he will first say if he is left unanswered (De. Bu.), but is a specimen of the mocking or blasphemy (³) in which he has already indulged: is he to go on saying this kind of thing? The words are not an exact quotation, but summarize Job's assertions of his innocence, which do not appear at all in his first speech (c. 3), and but indirectly in his second (6^{10c}. 24. 26. 29f. 7^{20f.}), and first become prominent and emphatic (9¹⁴⁻²¹. 30. 35 10^{5f.} 7) in the speech to which Šophar now replies.—*My doctrine*] for 𐤍𐤏𐤔, cp. Dt. 32², Pr. 4²; but read rather, *My conversation* (i.e. *manner of life*: lit. *my walking*).

5. Job had expressed the wish to speak with God (9³⁵), claiming that given fair conditions he could then establish his innocence: Šophar wishes God to speak with Job on a different subject, convinced that God could silence Job—a point which Job would have readily ceded (cp. 9^{15ff.})—by making him realize the infinite range of His wisdom (^{6a}. 1. 7-10): here, as elsewhere, the friends cannot even perceive Job's point of view.—*With*] 9² n.

6. *Marvellous*] 𐤍𐤏𐤔 double, paraphrased in EV. by "manifold"; see phil. n.—*Resourcefulness*] the word rendered *sound counsel* in 5¹²: see phil. n. on 5¹².

6c. An isolated stichos, exceeding the usual length, and

⁷ Canst thou find out the immensity of God?

Canst thou attain to the limits of the Almighty?

⁸ (They are) high^rer than¹ heaven; what canst thou do?

Deeper than Sheol; what canst thou know?

⁹ Longer in measure than the earth,

And broader than the sea.

curiously expressed. Its meaning, however, is clear: so far from being pure in God's sight, as you claim (¹), and, therefore, unjustly treated by Him in being made to suffer, you are very wicked in His sight, and your sufferings, great as they may be, do not equal the greatness of your wickedness; God forgets (cp. for the same idea expressed by other words, *e.g.* Am. 8⁷, Is. 43²⁵ 64⁸, Ps. 25⁷), *i.e.* lets you off the penalty of, part of your wickedness. The direct denial of ⁴ may be necessary (the view taken by Dr. in the phil. n.), though it is curious in this case that this direct denial is expressed by a single stichos in the middle of the half-dozen distichs devoted to the indirect repudiation of it: how can you claim such knowledge of God, who is infinite in wisdom, and familiar with man's iniquity (¹¹), as to assert that He thinks you just, though He treats you as unjust? Unless Bi. Du. are correct in rejecting ^{6c} as a gloss, the words are probably a mutilated distich which may not have gone beyond contradicting Job's words somewhat as follows: Then thou wouldest know that God doeth rightly, that because of thine iniquity He chastiseth thee.

7. *Immensity*] the word (חקר) "means" properly *something to be searched out or explored*: in 38¹⁶ it is rendered [in EV.] "recesses": and it denotes here the entire range of the divine nature. "The rendering 'by searching' is grammatically impossible" (Dr.), and, moreover, misses the point of the question, which is not whether, by a particular *method*, God's nature can be read by man, but whether its vastness is by any method intelligible to him. The words emphasized by their position in the Hebrew are *immensity* and *limits* (הכלית: cp. 26¹⁰ 28³).

8, 9. The limits of the Almighty are beyond heaven and Sheol; He knows everything in heaven and earth; man cannot

¹⁰ If he pass through, and imprison,

And call an assembly (for judgment), who can turn him
back?

¹¹ For *he* knoweth empty men :

He perceiveth naughtiness, also, without considering it.

escape his eye (cp. Ps. 139¹⁻⁸); but what vast tracts of the divine knowledge are withdrawn from Job's ken! Compared with the unknown and unattainable, his knowledge and efforts are nothing: how, then, does he claim (⁴) that he is righteous in God's judgment? Somewhere in these regions unexplored by Job, the judgment that Job is unrighteous may have been passed. Sgf. omits these vv., as also ⁷; cp. Du.

10. Du. regards this as a misplaced distich of Job's speech; Be. (see phil. n.) as an interpolation. If the v. is original, Šophar takes up Job's words (9¹²) and turns them back upon him; certainly, as you say, no one can stay God, if He seize or call to judgment, by saying he is not guilty: but this, not because God acts without regard to whether men are right or wrong, but because (¹¹) He knows the sins of men, however blind men like yourself may be to them. In this case we should perhaps read *seize* for *pass through* (see phil. n.), and possibly *kill* (קטל) for *call an assembly* (Richter); otherwise, for the judicial assembly, cp. Ezk. 16⁴⁰ 23^{46f.}, Pr. 5¹⁴.

11. God acts, unhindered (¹⁰) and unerringly, because, unlike men who, even if they give the closest attention to the matter, are often deceived about both others and themselves, He knows all about men and their sins, instantaneously and without effort. The thought would be similar in 34²³, if the text there were correct.—*Empty men*] so Ps. 26⁴ (|| “dissemblers”).—*Without considering it*] Du. *and it he considers*, i.e. God gives heed to it; al. *which they consider*, or *one considers*, not, i.e. God perceives what man does not—a thought actually present in the passage, but not naturally expressed by ח, nor quite satisfactorily by the emendation proposed (see phil. n.). Jacob (ZATW, 1912, 283): *being himself unperceived* (יְהוֹבֵן, Hithpolal for Hithpolel of ח); but this thought also is not required here.

- ¹² And so a hollow man getteth understanding,
And a wild ass's colt is born (again) a man.
¹³ If *thou* direct thine heart aright,
And stretch out thine hands towards him—
¹⁴ If naughtiness be in thine hand, put it far away,
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tent—
¹⁵ Surely then thou wilt lift up thy face without spot;
And thou wilt be established and wilt not fear:
¹⁶ For thou wilt forget (thy) misery;
Thou wilt remember it as waters that are passed away:

12. "As a result of the judgments of the Almighty (^{10f.}), conceit and ignorance are removed, and a wilful, defiant nature (like Job's) is softened" (Dr.). This view of the v. makes it a transition to the thought of ¹³⁻²⁰; but no such transition is obtained, if the v. is taken, as in itself it quite well might be, to mean: it is as impossible to get sense into an empty-headed man as to tame the untameable (39⁵) wild ass. See for this, phil. n.; and for a collection and criticism of many other interpretations of the v., see Di.

13-20. By submitting to God's judgments (¹⁰⁻¹²) and turning to Him, Job may yet return to prosperity and honour.

13. *Thou*] the pron. is emphatic: even thou, with all thy wickedness, if thou wilt abandon it (¹⁴), mayest be restored.—*Hands*] the hands opened (כפִּים: cp. Ex. 9^{29, 33}, Ezr. 9⁵, Ps. 44²¹ 88^{10 (9)} 63⁵ 141²), and stretched out (פָּרַשׁ: as 1 K. 8^{22, 54} al.: cp. שָׁטַח, Ps. 88¹⁰) in prayer: see 31²⁷ n., Is. 1¹⁵ n. Both here (see ^{14a}) and in Isaiah the context suggests that the idea of innocency may have been associated with the custom of stretching out the *opened* hand in prayer. But such association was scarcely constant, for with כָּף the term יָד interchanges: cp. e.g. Ps. 143⁶ 28².

14. *Hand*] יָד: ct. כפִּים in ¹³.—b. Cp. 22²³ (Eliphaz).

15a. Cp. 10^{15b}.—*Without spot*] commonly and, if original, perhaps correctly taken as antithetical to 10^{15b, c}: Job's face will no longer bear the marks of a guilty conscience.

16. *Waters that are passed away*] the whole line as a parallel to ^a can only mean: or if you remember your misery

- 17 And ¹thy¹ life will rise up more (brightly) than the noonday;
 Though it be dark, it will become as the morning.
- 18 And thou wilt be secure, because there is hope;
 And thou wilt search (around), and wilt take thy rest in
 safety;
- 19 And thou wilt lie down, with none to make thee afraid.
 And many will make suit unto thee;
- 20 But the eyes of the wicked will fail;

at all, it will only be a memory of something that is past or has vanished; for waters as perilous and dangerous, cp. 12¹⁵ 22¹¹ 27²⁰, Is. 43²; for the vb. (עבר) in the sense required, cp. 6¹⁵ (of water as here, but more commonly of time, e.g. Ps. 90⁴). The vb. used of waters also means *to overflow, to flood* (Is. 8⁸, Nah. 1⁸); but it is scarcely necessary to assume a play on the two meanings—waters once in perilous flood, but now vanished, and ill-advised to rob the line of its colour by reading (ימים), *as days that are passed away* (Ehrlich).

17. Another striking antithesis to what Job had said (10^{21f.}): Job's future need not be a day of darkness whose very noon is night, it may, if he wills, be a day brighter than any ordinary day at noon, whose very night is bright as morning (cp. Is. 58¹⁰).

18. Searching round, before going to rest for the night, finding nothing amiss, Job will lie down with a sense of security.—*Search (around)*] the vb. (חפר = חפר) used in 3²¹. Ehrlich suggests *thou shalt be protected* (וְחִפְּרָתָּהּ), from חפר = חָפַר, the sense *protect* being that of the Arabic, but not elsewhere in the OT. of the Hebrew vb.). On the not altogether certain text, see phil. n.

19a. Recurs in Is. 17², Zeph. 3¹³; cp. also Is. 14³⁰.—*Lie down*] the vb. (רָבַץ) involves, as in the references just given, an implicit comparison with animals (cp. Gn. 49⁹).

19b. Lit. "And many will make sweet thy face." For *make sweet the face*, cp. Pr. 19⁶, Ps. 45¹³ (as here of men), and, e.g., Ex. 32¹¹, Mal. 1⁹, Jer. 26¹⁹. Note the parallelism of "thy face" with "the eyes of the wicked" in 20^a. If Job turns to God, instead of being given the cold shoulder, as poor men

And their refuge is perished from them,
And their hope is the breathing out of the soul

regularly are (cp. Pr. 19⁷), and avoided as he is now (cp. 19¹³⁻¹⁹), he will become again a great and wealthy personage whose favour it is worth while to seek (cp. Pr. 19⁶).

20a. But if Job remains wicked, he will look in vain for any deliverance from his present miserable position. In contrast with the directness of the first line of the distich, the alternative fate that awaits Job is stated indirectly: cp. 8^{22b} after 8²¹. 22a. —*Eyes . . . will fail*] 17⁵, Dt. 28³², La. 4¹⁷, Ps. 69⁴ (3).

20b, c. As there is no hope of deliverance for the wicked (20a), so there is no way of escape; consequently their only hope is death, or, perhaps (see phil. n. on 31³⁹), despair.

XII.-XIV. Job's reply to Şophar's first speech.—This, like his previous speeches (see on cc. 6f. and 9f.), is only in part (12²-13¹⁹) addressed to the friends: the rest (13²⁰-14²²) is addressed to God. The connection in several places is difficult to detect, and some verses at least (12⁴⁻⁶. 9 if not also 7f. 10. 11f.) seem out of place and no part of the speech. Grill (*Zur Kritik der Komposition des Buchs Hiobs*, p. 13 ff.) goes so far as to omit 12⁴-13², Sgf. 12⁴-13¹, but that 12^{13ff.} with its description of the activity of God as *might not guided by moral considerations* was interpolated as proof that Job could speak of God's *wisdom* even better than Şophar, is improbable. Job begins by sarcastically allowing that the friends are exceptionally wise (12²)—and yet their speeches have contained nothing but what was familiar to himself (3), and even to beasts (7-10). What is said even on the authority of the aged must be received with discrimination (11f.). Job now himself descants on the mighty (though also, he suggests, capricious) activity of God (13-25), for he knows quite as much about this as do his wise friends (13^{1f.}); but all this is irrelevant to the case he has to argue out with God (3): let the friends, then, keep silence, and not continue to show by their interpretation of God's activities partiality on God's behalf: let them beware lest He punish them for such conduct (4-12). Let them keep silence while Job states his case against God: for stating it God may slay him: but he will take the risk: for he

XII. ¹ Then Job answered and said,

² No doubt but ye are 'they that know',
And with you wisdom will die.

³ But I have understanding as well as you;
I am not inferior to you :

Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

is certain of his innocence, and his readiness to face God should be a pledge of victory (¹³⁻¹⁹). And now Job turns to address God directly: Let Him not overwhelm Job with terror (²⁰⁻²²); but let Him state the iniquities (²³), if there are such, which would justify His present use of His might in pursuing so helpless a creature as Job (²⁴⁻²⁵). From his own case Job passes to that of mankind in general: Is any man—frail, shortlived and, unlike trees, without hope of reviving when once cut down in death—worth all the hostility shown by God (^{14¹⁻¹²})? If only God's anger might pass and give way even after death to friendly intercourse with Job, how willingly would Job await this change! (¹³⁻¹⁵). But there is no hope for either Job or man: God persists in being hostile and dwelling on Job's sins (^{10¹}); and He brings men one and all to death in which knowledge vanishes, and only pain remains (¹⁷⁻²²).

2f. In ² Job ironically concedes that the three friends are the only living, and will prove to have been the last surviving, embodiment of wisdom; in ³, dropping the irony, he claims that all the wisdom uttered was previously and independently in his possession, and indeed in that of every man; their would-be wise speeches have consisted of well-worn commonplaces.

2. *They that know*] cp. 34²: ~~the~~ *people*; see phil. n.

3. *Understanding*] cp. 11¹²: you were so good as to suggest that even I might *get* understanding; judged by the standard of your "wise" speeches, I *have* it already.—b = 13^{2b}.—*Who knoweth not*] lit. *with whom (are) not*; *with* (הא) like 10¹³ (עם): see n. there and *Lex.* 86a, top.

4-6. The interpretation of these vv. is difficult, partly, it is probable, on account of textual corruption, partly because they are misplaced. Di. makes as good an effort as any one to establish a connection: Job "complains of the manner in

⁴ I am to be (as one that is) a laughing-stock to his neighbour,
 (A man) that called upon God, and he answered him!
 The just, the perfect man, is a laughing-stock!

⁵ In the thought of him that is at ease there is contempt for mis-
 fortune;
 (It is) ready for them whose foot slippeth.

which, on the ground of such wisdom, they treat him, a pious man, who can boast of his inward relation to God—though to be sure it is like the world, which has only contempt for the unfortunate, while the prosperous godless remain untouched.” “His neighbour” (^{4a}) is on this view an oblique reference to Šophar or the three friends; but Šophar and the other friends, though they have expressed their concern at what appears to them the impiety of Job’s present manner of speech, and though they have suggested that his sufferings are due to his sins, have not *laughed* (even in 11¹², as Ley suggests) at him or his calamities, nor is it altogether satisfactory to say that though they have not actually done so, Job may feel that they have.

4. *A laughing-stock*] one at whose helplessness or misfortunes men laugh as an expression of their (malignant) delight: cp. the use of the nouns in Jer. 20⁷, La. 3¹⁴ (שחק), Hab. 1¹⁰ (משחק), and the vb. in 30¹, Ps. 52⁸, La. 1⁷.—b. The line is commonly taken as descriptive of the speaker (Job) whom God answered *in the past* (cp. 29²⁻⁵); the part. (קרא) could of course refer to the past, but it is very questionable whether the line is a natural description of himself by Job at a time when, though he still calls, he appears to receive no answer. Ley treats the line as ironically descriptive of the neighbour (*i.e.* Šophar); in which case we should render ^{b. c} in English: To one that calls upon God and He answers him, A laughing-stock to the just, the perfect man.

5. The v. is curiously phrased, of unusual rhythmical form, and the text cannot be implicitly trusted: see phil. n.—*Contempt for misfortune*] מ may also be translated *a contemptible torch*; but this yields nothing satisfactory, whether taken as continuing (⁴) “a laughing-stock, a contemptible torch,” or as subj. of ^b (King).

- ⁶ The tents of robbers prosper,
 And they that provoke God are secure ;
 (Even) he that bringeth (his) God in his hand !
⁷ But ask now the beasts, and they will teach thee ;
 And the fowls of the heaven, and they will tell thee :
⁸ Or [the crawling things of ¹ the earth, and they will teach thee :
 And the fishes of the sea will declare unto thee.

6. *Robbers*] lit. *wasters, devastators*.—**b, c.** The existing text is commonly taken to mean: those are secure who provoke God by their wicked conduct ^b, and ^c who so entirely disregard God as to recognize only their own might as their god: cp. Hab. 1¹¹ “this his might becometh his god.” Still the form of the v. (a tristich), the change from the pl. in ^b to the sing. in ^c and the curious phrasing of ^c together throw doubt on the correctness of the text.

7-10. So far from the wisdom on which the friends pride themselves being their exclusive possession (²), not only Job (³), but the very beasts share it, 7-10. This, if the passage is in its right place, must be the connection of thought; but it is strangely stated; for Job's charge is not that the friends lack the particular knowledge in question, and *need to be taught*, which is the point emphasized in 7ⁱ, but that they have *no need to teach* things so universally known, ^{3c}. Inasmuch as there are other suspicious features in the passage it may be misplaced; the address to a single person is very unusual in Job's speeches (26² n.), but would be at once explained if the passage originally stood in a speech of one of the friends (cp. 7^a with 8^{8a}); yet ⁹, at least, with its use of the name Yahweh (see Introd.), is more probably altogether foreign to the book.—*Ask*] the vb., contrary to the prevailing use in Job's speeches, is sing., and, if the text and connection are original (but see above), addressed accordingly to Šophar exclusively; Di. endeavours to account for this by suggesting that Šophar has deserved this special attention by his words “hollow man” in 11¹².

8. *The crawling things of the earth*] **ח** might be rendered either *talk thou to the earth*, or *the plants* (שח, as in 30⁴) *of* (ל as in 6^a: see phil. n.) *the earth*; but the text needs emending as, or substantially as, above; see phil. n.

⁹ Who knoweth not by all these,
That the hand of Yahweh hath wrought this?

¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
And the breath of all flesh of man.

9a. *By all these*] *i.e.* by means of (אֵל, as Gn. 42³³, Ex. 7¹⁷, Nu. 16²⁸—all with ידע, as here), by observing, all these creatures. Or the line may be translated, *who among* (אֵל, as, *e.g.*, Is. 50¹⁰; *Lex.* 88a bot.), *i.e.* which of, *all these* (creatures) *does not know*. But the line may be merely a misplaced interpretation of ^{3c}, and have meant: Who doth not know the like (כּ for בּ) of all these things? In that case ^b (= Is. 41^{20c}) would be an isolated stichos cited (originally on the margin) from Isaiah. In the present context it is not clear to what *this* refers. Some understand it to refer to the universe; and appeal to the similar meaning of “all these” in Is. 66², Jer. 14²²; but in these passages the heavens, etc., are mentioned in the immediate context. Others have explained *this* as (Hi.) pointing backward and referring to the security of the wicked (⁶)—not a likely theme for the beasts to discourse on; or to the irresistible activity of God described by Šophar (11^{10f.}), or as pointing forward to the activities of God described in ^{13ff.}; but, as Di. observes, 11^{10f.} lies too far behind to be naturally referred to thus, and the pf. tense and the intervening vv. (^{11f.}) render the reference forward to ^{13ff.} improbable.

10. If ⁹ be an interpolation (see last n.), this v. contains the instruction given by the beasts, ^{7f.}; in this case render: that (אֵל as Ex. 11⁷, Lv. 5⁵, Dt. 1³¹, Eccles. 8¹²: cp. 9⁵ phil. n.; *Lex.* 83a bot.) in His (God unnamed, as in v.¹³) hand is the soul of every living thing, etc.—*All flesh of man*] a very strange expression; *of man*, it is true (Bu.), limits the expression *all flesh*, which without it might, but does not always (34¹⁵, Nu. 16²² n.), include living beings not human; but this fact does not make the expression natural or, least of all in poetry, likely. Equally insufficient is Del.’s suggestion that the addition of אִישׁ individualizes the expression, as though the meaning were: the breath of each individual human being. G omits *all flesh*; but rhythm scarcely permits a shortening of the line. Possibly *of man* is a corruption of some term parallel to “in his hand”

- ¹¹ Doth not the ear test words,
 Even as the palate tasteth its food?
¹² With aged men is wisdom,
 And length of days is understanding.
¹³ With him is wisdom and might;
 He hath counsel and understanding.

in ^a, such as *with him*, or *he can withdraw* (cp. 34¹⁴, Ps. 104²⁹).

II (= 34³), 12. The connection is still rather elusive: it has been claimed that ⁷⁻¹⁰ refer to what one could *see* of God's power, ^{11f.} to what one might learn by *hearing* what the aged had to say; cp. 13¹ (so Dav. Dr.): on this view ¹¹ means: "does not the ear *test* the words which it hears, and accept those which, like the wisdom of the aged (v.¹²), embody sound knowledge?" (Dr.). But does this allow for the unlimited range which ¹¹ claims for the discriminative faculty, or for the fact that the appeal to the wisdom of the ancients is elsewhere made by the friends, 8^{8ff.} 15¹⁰, and criticized by Job, so that the use made of it, on this interpretation, by Job in ¹², though not exactly inconsistent with what he has said before, is yet rather improbable? The point of the v. may then be rather this: as the palate discriminates between good and bad food, and accepts the one and rejects the other (cp. 2 S. 19^{36 (35)}), so the ear discriminates between the true and false in whatever it is told; you have poured your "wisdom" into my ears (12²), you refer me to what the ancients tell me; but I will accept none of this unexamined: I will exercise my own judgment on it. On this view we must understand "you say" before ¹²: cp., on certain theories of those passages, 21^{16. 19}. Sgf. rejects the vv.; Di. suggests that if retained they might better stand between ⁸ and ⁹; alternatively the difficulty of the connection may be due to the vv. being the fragmentary survival of a once longer passage.

13. You say: ¹² wisdom resides in old men, ¹³ I say it is to be found with God: so if both ¹² and ¹³ originally belonged here we may least awkwardly connect them in thought; but the antithesis is formally unexpressed and is very artificial, for the friends have never asserted that wisdom resides only in old men

and *not* in God, and Job in ¹³ does not assert that wisdom resides *only* (cp. c. 28) with God, and is not imparted by Him to men. Further, while ¹² speaks of wisdom, ¹³ speaks of wisdom *and might*, so that in this respect, too, the sharpness and clearness of an antithesis are sacrificed. But while ¹³ connects at best rather awkwardly with ¹², it might form a starting-point for the illustrations which follow (¹⁴⁻²⁵) of God's power, and, though this is much less prominent, of His wisdom. If the reference to God unnamed (which must be assumed even if ¹³ originally followed ¹²) can be tolerated, ¹³ might follow ³ as Job's proof that his knowledge is not inferior to that of the friends. Du., retaining ^{11f.}, rejects ¹³ as a variant of ¹⁶.—*Counsel*] read, perhaps, *power*: see phil. n.

14-25. Illustrations, derived from Job's own observation, of the way in which God's might (¹³) "frustrates all human endeavour, and overthrows all human institutions" (Dr.). In all this Job traces no moral purpose; cp. especially ^{14b}, so similar to 11¹⁰ (Şophar), but not followed as in 11¹¹ by any suggestion that the men imprisoned by God are doers of iniquity. The writer (if ^{21. 24f.} are integral to his poem) seems to have in mind not only Şophar's speech, but also Ps. 107, and perhaps Is. 44²⁴⁻²⁸; in any case ^{21a. 24b} verbally reproduce Ps. 107⁴⁰ and, by reason of vocabulary or figure, ^{14b} recalls Ps. 107¹⁶, ¹⁵ Ps. 107³³⁻³⁶, ^{22b. 18} Ps. 107¹⁴, ^{23. 24b. 25b} Ps. 107^{4. 7. 27a. 25a} Ps. 107¹⁰; with ¹⁷, cp. Is. 44²⁵, with ^{15a} Is. 44²⁷. But, whereas alike in the Ps. and Is. both the constructive and the destructive activities of God are presented, and these as determined by the different moral characters of men, here only the destructive activity is presented: so, *e.g.*, here (¹⁵) waters are withheld or destructively employed, but in Is. 44²⁷ beneficently employed, in the Ps. given or withheld according to the character of the men concerned. So the Psalmist's survey reveals to the "upright" the loving-kindness, where the "upright" (¹) Job sees only the might, of God. As in 7^{17f.} Job parodies Ps. 8⁴, so here he sees facts noted by another Psalmist under a very different aspect.

14. Whether ^a refers to the destruction of cities (Peake) is not quite clear; the line may refer figuratively to persons (cp.

- ¹⁴ Behold, he pulleth down, and it cannot be built again;
 He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
¹⁵ Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up;
 Again he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
¹⁶ With him is strength and sound counsel;
 He that erreth and he that leadeth into error, are his;
¹⁷ Who leadeth counsellors away stripped,
 And who maketh judges fools.
¹⁸ He looseth the 'bonds' imposed by kings,
 And bindeth a waistcloth on their loins;

Jer. ¹¹⁰), both lines meaning: God ruins men's lives irretrievably.—*Shutteth up*] סָנַר עָלָי; but this does not necessarily refer to subterranean dungeons (cp. Jer. 38⁶, La. 3⁵³): for the same idiom is used in Ex. 14³.

15a. Drought; **b**, destructive floods. Ct. Eliphaz's reference to rain.

16. *Sound counsel*] 5¹² n.—**b.** All men belong to God, and are within the range and subject to the working of *His* might.—*He that erreth*, etc.] all men (see phil. n.), viewed particularly, perhaps, under the aspect of "nations misled by their statesmen into a disastrous policy" (Dr.). In any case moral error is not primarily intended.

17. Doing with them as He wills, God makes even the wise ones of the earth look foolish. There is as little reason to limit the historical allusions to the fortunes of Israel as the illustrations from nature in ¹⁵ to Palestine: indeed the plural "kings" in ^{18b} and the unmistakable reference to nations in ^{23f}. make it as plain as may be that the author is reflecting on the rise and fall of nations, and of the ruin in which the most exalted and firmly established individuals in these nations are involved when their land and people are overthrown: there is no reason, therefore, to think with Du. specially of *Jewish* priests in ^{19a} and of the descendants of David in ^{19b}.—*Who leadeth . . . away stripped*] probably due here to assimilation to ^{19a}: the vb. in ^a originally was more closely parallel to that in ^b: see phil. n.

18. He sets at naught the power of kings, undoing the

- 19 Who leadeth priests away stripped,
And overthroweth them that are firmly established;
20 Who depriveth the trusty of speech,
And taketh away the discretion of the elders;
21 Who poureth contempt upon princes,
And looseth the belt of the [strong];
22 Who discovereth deep things out of darkness,
And bringeth out to light black gloom;
23 Who increaseth nations and destroyeth them;
Who spreadeth [peoples] abroad, and leaveth them.

fetters they have placed on others ^a, and reducing kings themselves to the position of captives ^b (cp. Is. 47); see phil. n.

19. Similar treatment of other classes of ancient lineage and secure position.—*Firmly established*] men whose family have long held, and appeared likely long to hold (see phil. n.), their position: the *priests* in ^a are a particular illustration of such classes: in Israel, especially in later times, as among other peoples, the priesthood was hereditary.

20. *Speech*] Heb. *lip*, as, e.g., Gn. 11¹, Is. 19¹⁸.—*The trusty*] especially perhaps “trusted ministers” (Dr.) of state: cp. Is. 19^{11f}.

21a. = Ps. 107^{40a}.—*Princes*] or *nobles* (נְדִיבִים); cp. 22⁸ 34¹⁸ (|| “king”), 1 S. 2⁸ = Ps. 113⁸ (antithetical to “poor” and “needy”; cp. *¶* here), Nu. 21¹⁸ and Pr. 8¹⁶ (|| שָׂרִים).—*Looseneth the belt of*] “Fig. for incapacitates; the flowing garments of the Oriental being girt up for active service (1 K. 18⁴⁶, Is. 5²⁷, cp. Is. 45¹)” (Dr.). *Looseneth* is lit. *causeth to hang down*.—*Strong*] this word at least (see phil. n.), if not the whole line, requires emendation. Possibly ^b is a corrupt variant of (cp. Du.) ^{20b}, and the whole v. secondary: cp. vv. 24. 25.

22. Bu. omits the v. as in its complete abstractness alien to the context: if in its right place, it must be figurative; the deep, dark things have been explained as hidden plans and conspiracies of men (cp. Is. 29¹⁵; so Di. Dr.), the depths of the divine nature (Schl.), the treasures of conquered cities (Hi.), the poor (Hgst. Du.).

23. The rise and fall of nations illustrate God’s caprice: He

- ²⁴ Who taketh away the understanding of the chiefs of
the earth,
And causeth them to wander in a pathless waste.
²⁵ They grope in the dark without light,
And 'they' wander about (helplessly) like a drunken man.

XIII. ¹ Lo, mine eye hath seen all,
Mine ear hath heard and understood it.

makes them increase in numbers and extend their borders only thereafter to destroy and abandon them. This would form an effective climax and conclusion, and perhaps originally did so; see on ^{24f.}—*Peoples*] *𐤇𐤍 nations*, as in ^{a.}—*Leaveth*] *𐤇𐤍 leadeth them (away)*: see phil. n. *Leaveth* is rather anti-climactic after *destroyeth* in ^{a.}: Ehrlich makes the v. refer exclusively to the destruction of nations, rendering, Who misleadeth peoples and destroyeth them, layeth peoples low and (so) leaveth them, giving to שטה a meaning of the Ar. *saṭaḥa*, to prostrate.

^{24 f.} From the "nations" in ²³, ^{24a} returns to leading individuals of the nations (as ¹⁷⁻²¹). Since the opening words are identical, ^{24a} may be a variant of ^{20a}, and similarly ^{25b} of ^{24b}, and a single distich (^{24b-25a}) may have completed the description of the nations in ²³. Alternatively ^{24f.} may have originally stood after ²¹, completing the allusions to prominent individuals.

^{24.} *Of the earth*] *𐤇𐤍* (not *𐤇*) *of the people of the earth*.—*Waste*] *Ṭhu*: cp. 6¹⁸ n.

^{25.} *They grope*] 5¹⁴.—*They wander about*] *𐤇𐤍 he causeth them to wander*, exactly as ^{24b} (cp. Is. 19¹⁴).

XIII. 1-5. Resumes 12³: Job has himself observed everything relating to God's rule of the world, and is in such knowledge not a whit inferior to the friends, ^{1f.}: he, indeed, interprets differently, and does not, as they have done, draw the conclusion that he is guilty. Of their false and worthless interpretation, he has had enough, and can only wish that they would keep silence, ^{4f.}; with God, not with them, he now wishes to speak and argue out the question of his guilt (³), and this is what from ²⁰ onwards he actually does.

1. *All*] not *this* (*𐤇*), or *all (this)*—EV.: see phil. n.

- ² What ye know, *I* know also:
 I am not inferior unto you,
³ But *I* would speak unto the Almighty,
 And to argue with God do I desire.
⁴ But ye are plasterers of falsehood,
 Physicians of no value are ye all.
⁵ Oh that ye would but hold your peace,
 And it should be your wisdom.

2b. = 12^{3b}.

3. *Argue*] v. 15^b.

4. *Plasterers of falsehood*] cp. Ps. 119⁶⁹; here, persons who use falsehoods as a whitewash or plaister (cp. ^b) to hide defects: the defects which appear to Job so glaring in God's use of His might (12¹³⁻²⁵), the friends whitewash over with the assertion, known to Job to be false, that all who suffer from that might are wicked.—*Physicians of no value*] the word *rophe* is used widely enough (cp. Gn. 50², 2 Ch. 16¹²) to justify such a translation in a suitable context. But *worthless healers*, or *menders*, would perhaps be better here. The friends are men who try lightly but fruitlessly to mend the broken scheme of things; Du. pertinently compares for the use of the vb. and the here implicit figure, Jer. 6¹⁴ "And they lightly heal what is broken (in the body) of my people, saying, It is whole, it is whole, when it is not whole" (cp. *Exp. Times*, xxvi. 347 ff.). Others, falling back on a meaning of the root unknown in Hebrew, but paralleled in Arabic and Ethiopic (*to mend, stitch together*), render *stitchers together of worthless (assertions)* (so Di.), then cp. ¹².

5b. Cp. Pr. 17²⁸: even fools, if they have but the wit to keep silence, may pass for wise.

6-19. Before, in ^{20ff.}, addressing God, as he has in ³ expressed his intention of doing, Job, developing his accusation in ⁴, warns the friends of the risks they are, as it would seem unwittingly, running in using falsehoods in defence of God, ⁷⁻¹²; on the other hand, he himself will deliberately accept every hazard to which he may expose himself by asserting the truth, viz. that he is guiltless, ¹³⁻¹⁶: yet, for the moment at least, he is sure that as God will resent the falsehood uttered

- 6 Hear now the argument [of] my [mouth],
 And attend to the pleadings of my lips.
 7 Will ye for *God* speak unrighteously,
 And for *him* talk deceitfully?
 8 Will ye show partiality for *him*?
 Will ye contend for *God*?
 9 Is it good that he should search you out?
 Or as one deludeth a man, will ye delude him?
 10 He will surely correct you,
 If in secret ye show partiality.
 11 Will not his loftiness affright you?
 And his dread fall upon you?
 12 Your maxims are proverbs of ashes,
 Your defences are defences of clay.

by the friends in His defence (¹⁰), so He will admit the truth maintained by Job against Him (¹⁸).

6. *Argument*] or, *impeachment*, *reproof*: cp. Pr. 1²³. 25.—*Pleadings*] or, *accusations*.

7. Cp. 27⁴.

8-10. Will you, as judges between me and God, show unfair favour to the stronger, pronouncing me guilty, though all the time I am innocent, in order that He may win His case? But God sees through this kind of thing (⁹), and so far from rewarding it punishes it (¹⁰).—*Show partiality*] lit. *lift up the face*, here with the sinister implication that this is done from corrupt motives: cp. Dt. 10¹⁷ "Who doth not lift up the face, nor take a bribe"; Pr. 18⁵ "It is not good to lift up the face of the guilty, (thereby) turning aside the innocent (from his right) in judgment"; c. 32²¹ 34¹⁹, Ps. 82². The phrase may also be used without this sinister implication: see 42^{8f}.

10a. Anticipating 42^{7f}.

11. *Loftiness*] 31²³, there also || to *dread*, for which cp. Is. 2¹⁰. 19 (|| "glorious majesty"), where it is explicitly used of the dread inspired by Yahweh when He rises up to judgment. In view of 41¹⁷ (²⁵) we might also render *uprising*: so Du.

12. The sayings, which to the friends themselves seem so wise, will prove worthless defences against God (¹¹).—*Maxims*]

- ¹³ Hold your peace, let me alone, that *I* may speak,
 And let come on me what will.
¹⁴ ^aI will take my flesh in my teeth,
 And put my life in my hand!
¹⁵ Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope;
 Nevertheless I will maintain my ways before him.
¹⁶ Even that is to me (an omen of) salvation;
 For not before him doth a godless man come.

see phil. n.—*Defences*] scarcely *ramparts* (see phil. n.), but rather *bosses* (cp. 15²⁶) of shields; being of clay instead of iron, their bosses are useless.

13-15. Job intends at all hazards (cp. 9^{21f.}) to speak freely in maintaining his integrity.

14. *I take*] *ח* *wherefore do I take*, which is incompatible with the context: RVm. "At all adventures I will take," is not a justifiable translation of *ח*: see phil. n. The idiom in ^a does not occur again, but must be synonymous with *put my life in my hand* in ^b, which means to imperil one's life (see phil. n.). Herz (*Orient. Literaturz.*, Aug. 1913, p. 343, and *JThS* xv. 263), arguing, on the ground of Egyptian parallels, that the idioms mean to take extra care of one's life, defends *ח*.

15. As in 7^{6f.} 9²⁵ 10²⁰, Job expresses his sense of the near approach of death.—*I have no hope*] lit. *I wait not*, sc. for anything better (cp. 14¹⁴); Qrê (cp. 'A *שׁוּב* EV.) *for him* (emphatic) *I wait*; see phil. n.—*Maintain*] lit. *argue*, *prove right*, as v.³.

16. *That*] the fact that Job can and does maintain his integrity before God (^{15b}): this is his ground of hope that he will ultimately have salvation, *i.e.* success or victory (so, *e.g.*, Ps. 18⁵¹, 2 S. 23¹⁰), in his argument with God, and that God will admit and publish his innocence; the reason for this hope lies in the fact (^{16b}) that a godless man does not thus of his own accord approach God to argue his integrity. The sense is substantially the same if the v. be rendered, Even that is . . . *that* a godless man doth not come before him; in this case ^{16b} contains not the ground for the assertion in ^a, but the explication of the pronoun *that*: for the pronoun thus neutrally used,

- 17 Hear diligently my speech,
 And let my declaration be in your ears.
 18 Behold, now, I have set out 'my' case;
 I know that I shall be justified.
 19 Who is he that will contend with me?
 For then would I hold my peace and give up the ghost.

 20 Only two things do not unto me,
 Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
 21 Thine hand withdraw far from me;
 And let not thy terror affright me.
 22 Then call thou, and I will respond;
 Or I will speak, and answer thou me.

see 15⁹ 31²³. The rendering, Even He, viz. God, is my salvation (RVm.), is unsatisfactory; since ^b, which must be then rendered *for*, etc., does not go well with it.—*Godless*] 8¹³ n.

18f. After an appeal (17, regarded by Bi. Di. Du. as interpolated) to the friends not merely to give him the opportunity to speak (13), but also to listen carefully to his statement of his case, Job repeats in different ways his conviction of his innocence already expressed in 15f.: the clear statement of his case (18a) must carry conviction; he will obtain a verdict of innocent (18b); so clear a case as his no one would care to challenge (19a); were it otherwise, Job would rather die than live (19b).

18. *I have set out my case*] in 23ff.: see phil. n.—*I shall be justified*] the justice of my plea will be admitted, and I shall be pronounced to be in the right in the case at issue: cp. 11², Is. 43^{9, 26}.

19a. Is. 50⁸.

20. From here on Job addresses God; and first he begs, as he has done previously (9³⁴), that God will allow the case to be decided fairly and in a legal way, and not by the exercise of God's irresistible might; this only granted, Job is certain of establishing his case whether—he gives God the choice—he prefers a charge against God, or God prefers one against him.

21. Cp. 9³¹ 33⁷.

22. Let God be plaintiff (^a) or defendant (^b), as He will; cp. 9^{14ff.}—*Call*] or *cite*: 9¹⁶ n.—*Answer*] 9¹⁶ n.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins?

Make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,

And holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou scare a driven leaf?

And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 That thou writest bitter things against me,

And makest me to inherit the iniquities of my youth:

23 ff. God failing to respond to Job's invitation in ^{22a} to formulate His charges, Job speaks on; not, however, strictly according to the figure of ^{22b}, in the form of a legal indictment, but at first suggesting by a series of questions that he is suffering far beyond the deserts of any failings of his (²³⁻²⁸); then passing on to reflections on God's pitiless treatment of mankind in general (14¹⁻¹²), returning in ¹³⁻¹⁷ to his own case, and appealing in ¹³⁻¹⁵ to God's pity, only in ^{16f.} to record again the actual ruthlessness of His treatment of him, and (¹⁸⁻²²) of men in general.

23. Job, though "perfect" (1¹ n.), does not deny that he has sinned (cp. ^{26b}); but how often? how greatly? not enough to deserve all the suffering that he endures; hence his implicit charge against God that He is punishing undeservedly and unjustly.

24. *Hidest thou thy face*] refuseth to be friendly; for the idiom, cp. Ps. 30⁸⁽⁷⁾ ("in thy favour," and "thou hidest thy face"—antithetical parallels), 104²⁹, 27⁹ ("hide the face" || "cast off in anger"), Is. 54⁸; for "the hiding of the face" in resentment for sin committed and wrong done against God (cp. v. ²³ here), see Is. 57¹⁷, Dt. 31¹⁷.—b. Cited by Elihu, 33¹⁰.

25 ff. Is it worthy of one mighty as God with such persistent severity to treat one so helpless and incapable of resistance as Job? cp. 7²⁰ 10¹⁶.—*Scare a driven leaf*] make to tremble with fright (cp. ערץ in Is. 2^{19, 21}) a dry leaf already driven (Lv. 26³⁶) hither and thither by the wind.—*Pursue dry stubble*] put to flight (רף in Dt. 32³⁰, Am. 1¹¹) what scurries away of itself.

26. *Writest bitter things*] passest on me sentence to painful

- ²⁷ And that thou putttest my feet in the stocks,
 And markest all my paths :
 About the soles of my feet thou drawest thee a line ;
²⁸ Though (one such as) he falleth away like a rotten thing,
 Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

punishment: on the custom of recording in writing judicial sentences, see n. on Is. 10¹. In view of ^b a judicial is more probable than a medical figure here: the meaning of ^a is not, therefore, that Thou prescribest for me bitter medicines (Hi.); of written medical prescriptions among the Hebrews there is no evidence.—**b.** Job had sinned in the carelessness of youth like others (cp. 1⁵, Ps. 25⁷); but is it worthy of God to drag up these old offences, and make Job suffer for them now? Even in youth he had not sinned more than others: why does he suffer more?

27. Job's condition figured as that of a prisoner whose movements are impeded, and who is kept under close watch.—*Stocks*] a different word from that so rendered in EV. of Jer. 20^{2f}. 29²⁶ and RVm. of 2 Ch. 16¹⁰; on the ground that some movement along paths (^b) is possible, some (Du. Peake) suppose that the Hebrew term used here (*sad*) denotes not fixed stocks, but a block of wood fastened to the legs of captives to impede, though not altogether prevent, movement from place to place. Yet it is doubtful whether the idiom favours this interpretation; and in the Talmud *sadda* is certainly something that, like *stocks*, confines the person to a single spot: Levy (*NHWB*, s.v.) cites from *Pes.* 28^a "The *sad*-maker sits in his own *sad*"—i.e. is punished by means of his own workmanship. If *stocks* is right here, Job "compares himself to a malefactor, at one time (^a) held fast in the stocks, at another (^b) narrowly watched, and (^c) unable to pass beyond prescribed bounds" (Dr.).—*Soles*] Heb. *roots*. On Du.'s interpretation of ^c, see phil. n.

28. The text, meaning and position of the v. have been questioned; but see phil. n.

XIV. 1-3. How strange (cp. 13²⁸) that God should strictly call to account creatures so frail, shortlived, and (cp. 7¹⁻³) full of unrest as man! The parallelism is better, if we render in ^{1a},

- XIV. ¹ Man that is born of woman
 Is of few days, and full of trouble.
² He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down :
 He fleeth also like a shadow, and continueth not.
³ And upon (one like) this dost thou open thine eyes,
 And bring 'him' into judgment with thee ?
⁴ Oh that a clean thing could come out of an unclean ! not one (can).
⁵ If his days are determined,
 The number of his months is known to thee,
 (And) his limit thou hast appointed that he cannot
 pass ;
⁶ Look away from him, 'and' forbear,
 Till he can enjoy, as an hireling, his day.

Man is born of woman ; or (Di.) ^{1, 2}, Man that is born of woman,
 Of few days, and full of trouble, Cometh forth . . . , Fleeth, etc.
 —*Born of woman*] of such frail origin.—*Of few days*] even a life
 of patriarchal length (42¹⁶) may he regarded as brief (Gn. 47⁹).
 —*Trouble*] 3¹⁷ (n.) 26.

2a. Cf. Ps. 90⁶ 103^{15f.}, Is. 40^{6f.}.—b. Cp. 8⁹ n.

3. Cp. 7^{17f.}.

4. Cp. 4^{17f.}, Ps. 51⁷ (5), and see phil. n.

5f. If, as is the case (1^{f.}), man's life is brief, the fact is both
 known to and ordained by God ; let God, then, desist (6^a) from
 His unkindly gaze (3), that man may get at least some pleasure
 before his brief hard life is over.—*If*] the hypothetical is
 awkward : if correct, the whole of ⁵ may be protasis (so Di.) ;
 then render : If his days are determined, (And) the number of
 his months known, etc.—*His days*] & + *upon earth* : rhythmically
 the line would admit, and indeed be improved by some
 addition ; but something like *by thee* would be preferable.—
Known to] Heb. *with* : see 9³⁵ n.

6. *Look away from*] 7¹⁹ 10²⁰ n.—*And forbear*] or *desist*, 7¹⁶ n.
 ¶ *That he may cease*.—*Till*] or : *to the point that* (7^y as Is. 47⁷;
Lex. 725b, 3).—*An hireling*] a labourer hired by the day : 7^{11a} n.
 —*His day*] i.e. the close of his life ; at least let the evening of
 man's life be free from God's ill-treatment : cp. 10^{20f.}.

7-10. The plea (6) for some brief snatch of enjoyment before

- 7 For there *is* hope of a tree :
 If it be cut down, it will sprout again,
 And its shoots will not cease.
 8 Though its root wax old in the earth,
 And its stump die in the ground ;
 9 At the scent of water it will bud,
 And put forth branches like a young plant.
 10 But a man dieth, and 'passeth away' :
 Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he ?
 11 Waters fail from a lake,
 And a river decayeth and drieth up ;
 12 And (so) man lieth down and riseth not :
 Till the heavens be no more, they will not awake,
 Nor be roused out of their sleep.

death is based on the impossibility of any enjoyment after death ; man once dead, unlike a tree that is cut down, cannot be rejuvenated and start life again, but passes away for ever leaving no trace behind. There may be some reference here to specific, deliberate treatment of trees such as Wetzstein (in Del.) reports as customary on the east of Jordan, especially round Damascus ; trees which through age begin to decay and to yield poor crops are cut down—close to the ground in the case of vines, figs, and pomegranates, and within a few feet of it in the case of the walnut ; the next year new shoots spring from the root, and these subsequently bear fruit freely : all that is needed is what Job mentions as a *conditio sine qua non*—abundant water.

8. *Stump*] יָבֵשׁ : Is. 11¹ (see n. there).—*The ground*] Heb. *the dust*, as 5⁶.

9. *At the scent of water*] cp. "As a string of tow is broken, when it scenteth the fire," Jg. 16⁹.

10-12. Cp. 7⁷⁻¹⁰.

11. = Is. 19⁵ ; see phil. n.

12b, c. Man will *never* (cp. Ps. 72⁵. 7. 17 89³⁰. 37^f.) awake from the sleep of death.

13-15. Would that it were otherwise, and that God would make Sheol not a land of no remembrance to which in His

- ¹³ Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Sheol,
 That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath turn,
 That thou wouldest appoint me a limit, and remember me!
- ¹⁴ If a man die, will he live (again)?
 All the days of my warfare would I wait,
 Till my release should come:
- ¹⁵ Thou shouldest call, and *I* would answer thee:
 Thou wouldest yearn after the work of thine hands.

anger He sends men for ever, but an asylum (provided by His love for His creatures, ^{15b}), while His wrath is abroad. If only it were certain that after a fixed period, God would remember Job (as He remembered Noah, the object of His grace, in the asylum of the ark, Gn. 8¹ P), and summon him back from Sheol and death; how willingly would Job wait, thus knowing that in the end life and friendly intercourse with God would be renewed. But there is no hope of such a future (¹⁶⁻²² especially ^{19c-22}). Thus Job here considers the idea, and the meaning if it were real, though he still dismisses the reality, of a future life of communion with God: previously (7^{8.21}) he has simply doubted the existence of such a future, without contemplating its significance if it were real.

13. *Turn*] cp. 9¹³, Gn. 27^{44f.}

14. Line ^a is perhaps misplaced, or a marginal annotation. Even if rendered, as by Du. (see phil. n.), "If only a man might die, and live again," it forms a bad parallel to ^{13c}.—*Warfare*] 7¹ n.—*Release*] or relief from Sheol; the word appears to embody a military figure of one soldier or troop being replaced and so relieved by another (cp. on 10¹⁷); but obviously the figure is not to be pressed.

15a. Cp. 13^{22a}, though the *figure* of that line is not repeated here.—*Yearn after*] cp. "seek diligently for," 7²¹ n.—*The work of thine hands*] cp. 10^{3.8-12}.

16f. Job has expressed the wish for a happier future in ¹³⁻¹⁵, for God's *present* attitude to him is so unfriendly and unforgiving that something different can but be desired, *but* (¹⁸⁻²²) that happy future of his hopes will not be realized. Such is the meaning and connection of the vv. as expressed in the above

- 16 For now thou numberest my steps :
 Thou dost not 'pass' over my sin.
 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
 And thou fastenest up my iniquity.
 18 But indeed a mountain falling crumbleth away,
 And a rock is removed out of its place ;
 19 The waters wear the stones ;
 The overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth :
 And (so) thou destroyest the hope of man.

translation. But it is not altogether natural, and much in the vv. is ambiguous : they have accordingly been by others understood to contain a continuation of the description in ¹⁵ of God's friendly attitude hoped for in the *future* (see phil. n.); but unfortunately this view, too, cannot conveniently be accommodated to the vv. throughout ; if it were right we should expect in ^{17a} the impf. as in the other lines rather than the part. (הָתָם).

16. *For now*] as ⁷²¹ : equally legitimate is the rendering *for then* ; so ³¹³.—*Thou numberest my steps*] watchest my movements to take account of the least slip : cp. ³¹⁴ (³⁴²¹) and for the thought, ¹³²⁷. If the vv. describe the future, it would be best to read (cp. ⁵) : For then thou wouldest *not* number my steps.—*Pass over*] so ⁶ ; ¹¹ *watch over*, which would suit a description of the future ; but to accommodate ¹¹ to a description of the present, the line must be translated interrogatively (possible, but awkward) : “Dost thou not watch over my sin?”

17. Job's transgressions are recorded by God in a writing (cp. Jer. ¹⁷¹) which is bound and sealed up (cp. צֹרֵר הָרוּם, Is. ⁸¹⁶).—*Sealed up*] for security in a bag (צֹרֵר) to be brought forth thence for punishment : cp. Hos. ¹³¹² “Bound up (צֹרֵר) is the iniquity of Ephraim,” Dt. ³²³⁴.—*Fastenest up*] lit. plasterest (¹³⁴) over : here, parallel to *is sealed up*, the phrase apparently means plasterest over with wax. Bu., who adopts the view that the vv. refer to the future, understands the figure to be that of giving a white appearance (cp. Is. ¹¹⁸) to (red) sin ; the line then means that God forgives Job's sins.

18, 19. The emphatic words in ¹⁸ are *mountain* and *rock* : if even these mighty things come to destruction, how much more

²⁰ Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth ;
 Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him
 away.

²¹ His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not ;
 And they are brought low, but he perceiveth them
 not.

²² Only his flesh upon him hath pain,
 And his soul upon him mourneth.

(^{19c}) does man die without hope of living again! On ^{18a} see phil. n.; ^{18b} is cited in 18¹.—*But*] an emphatic adversative, which would be best explained by the view that the description of the desired but despaired of future extends down to ¹⁷; but see on ^{16f}.

20. *Passeth*] away, dieth: so 10²¹, 2 S. 12²³, Ec. 1⁴ 3²⁰, Ps. 39¹⁴—a common sense of *halaka* in Arabic.—*Thou changest his countenance*] in death, when “Decay’s effacing fingers, Have swept the lines where beauty lingers.”

21. Dismissed (^{20b}) to Sheol, the dead no longer have knowledge (Ec. 9⁵) even of what would, if they were alive on earth, most intimately concern them: cp. 22¹¹. Since from ¹⁸ and, in particular, ^{19c} onward, the direct personal reference is abandoned and the fate of man in general is depicted, ²¹ is not, of course, inconsistent with 1¹⁹ (the loss of Job’s children).—*Are brought low*] come to dishonour: see phil. n.

22. Knowledge does not survive death: sentiency does: the dead man feels the pangs of decay, as the flesh still clothing him moulders away, and his soul can grieve for the dreary existence to which he is condemned in Sheol. Cp. Judith 16^{17b} “they shall weep at feeling,” viz. the fire and worm sent into their decaying flesh: see also Is. 66²⁴.—*Upon him*] 10¹ n. On various mistaken views of the phrase (such as: only so long as his flesh is upon does he feel pain; or, only for him does his flesh feel pain), see Di. or Bu.

XV. **Eliphaz’s second speech.**—This, the opening speech of the second cycle, consists of a rebuke of the irreverent tone of Job’s speeches, of his rejection of gentler correction, such as Eliphaz had offered in his previous speech (¹¹), and of his hard

- XV. ¹ Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
² Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge,
 And fill his belly with the sirocco,
³ Arguing with unprofitable talk,
 And with speeches, wherewith he can do no good?
⁴ Yea, *thou* doest away with fear,
 And restrainest musing before God.

and obdurate temper (¹⁻¹⁴), leading up to the charge that he is wicked beyond the general unrighteousness of men (¹⁴⁻¹⁶), and a warning picture of the dark and hopeless fate of the wicked (¹⁷⁻³⁵). The attitude of Eliphaz in his second is obviously severer than in his first speech: in the first he addresses Job as one who indeed fails to accept his sufferings with the patience which he had formerly recommended to others, but who is still held by religion (^{4⁶}); here, as one who is abandoning religion (^{15⁴}), and giving way to positive blasphemy (^{5^t}); in the first speech Eliphaz introduces the universality of human unrighteousness (^{4^{13ff.}}), but not, as here (¹⁴⁻¹⁶), to suggest that Job's wickedness exceeds it; and, again, in the first speech Eliphaz seeks to induce resignation in Job by his closing picture of the ultimate felicity of those who humbly receive suffering, while here he seeks to terrify Job out of what he now regards as his exceptional wickedness by a closing picture of the fate of the wicked.

2. Cp. 8² 11².—*A wise man*] such as Job claims (12³ 13^{1f.}) to be: it is less probable (see phil. n.) that Eliphaz asks whether he as a wise man should *make answer* to Job's words.—*Windy knowledge*] cp. 8² 16³.—*His belly*] whence, and not from the heart (8¹⁰), the seat of understanding, words expressing windy knowledge are spoken.—*The sirocco*] violent (cp. 8²) and hurtful (cp. 1¹⁹ n.).

3. *Arguing*] 13^{3, 6}: Job had desired to argue with God, but his words had been of no use: they had not helped to establish his case.

4. *Doest away with*] frustratest (^{5¹²}), annullest, destroyest.—*Fear*] of God, *i.e.* religion, as in 4⁶. Line ^b is doubtless parallel to ^a and expresses the same general idea, viz. that Job has

- ⁵ For thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth,
 And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
⁶ Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I;
 And thine own lips testify against thee.
⁷ Wast thou the first one born a man?
 Or wast thou brought forth before the hills?

become positively irreligious, ^a referring to inward sentiment, ^b perhaps to the outward observance of religion; but the exact meaning of both vb. and object is uncertain: *restrainest* should, perhaps, rather be *impairest*, *diminishest*: the vb. (גרע) means to *subtract* (as opposed to *add*—Dt. 4², Ec. 3¹⁴, and in Nif. Nu. 36^{3f.}), *withdraw* (v.⁸ 36⁷ and, pointed Piel, 36²⁷ (n.)), *diminish* (Ex. 21¹⁰). The Nif. in Nu. 9⁷, sometimes cited for the meaning *restrain*, means *to be withdrawn*: see n. there.—*Musing*] the noun (שיחה) occurs also in Ps. 119⁹⁷ (“Thy law is (the subject of) my musing”) ⁹⁹†: on the root see phil. n. on 7¹¹. Du. detects here a reference to the reverential silence required of worshippers (cp. Zec. 2¹⁷, Hab. 2²⁰). Bu. renders ^b: And thou drawest *complaints* (שיחה as שיח in 7¹³ 9²⁷ 10¹ 21⁴ 23²) before God.

5. Not (RVm.) *thy mouth teacheth thine iniquity*, i.e. your words show and prove that you are wicked: for this anticipates ^{6a}, is against the usage of the vb. (ואמר, 33³³ 35¹¹†), and not favoured by the order of the words.—*Choosest the tongue of*] i.e. speakest like: Job, like the “crafty” serpent of Gn. 3^{1f.}, endeavours by what he says to misrepresent God.—*The crafty*] 5¹²—the only other place in Job where the term is used—Gn. 3¹: in Pr.† the word is used with the good sense of *shrewd*, *wise*.

6. The v. is placed by Du. before ¹³.—*Thine own mouth condemneth thee*] 9²⁰.

7f. But is Job so very wise (cp. ^{2a})? Is he the oldest, and so the wisest, of men? or does he attend God’s council, and so possess wisdom withheld from other men ⁸? Some such extravagant hypothesis would be required, if Job were really wiser than Eliphaz, the aged recipient of revelations. V.⁸ is grammatically ambiguous (see phil. n.): it might mean, *Didst thou* in the past, or *dost thou* habitually in the present. Taking

⁸ Dost thou hearken in the council of God?

And dost thou monopolize wisdom to thyself?

⁹ What knowest thou, that we know not?

What understandest thou, which is not in our knowledge?

¹⁰ Among us are both the grey-headed and the aged,

Older than thy father in days.

it in the former sense many see in ⁸ as well as ⁷ an allusion to the myth of a primeval man, older than creation: so Di. who compares the Indian Manu. In ⁷, if ^{7b} be taken strictly, some such idea certainly seems to be present; unless with Bu. we see in ⁷ a reference to Pr. 8^{22ff.}, and so take ^{7b} to mean: Art thou personified Wisdom itself?—*Brought forth before the hills*] Pr. 8²⁵: cp. Ps. 90². Du. *before the high ones* (נְבִיאִים for נְבִיעוֹת), i.e. the angels—unnecessarily.

8. *Dost thou*] or *didst thou*: see above.—*Council of God*] i.e. the circle of those admitted to intimacy with Him, especially the angels (Ps. 89⁸⁽⁷⁾, cp. 1 K. 22^{19f.}), but the council of Yahweh is also conceived as accessible to true prophets (Jer. 23²²).—*Monopolize*] lit. *withdraw* (see v.⁴ n.), i.e. withdraw (from others).

9f. So far from having the wisdom of the most ancient, Job has no wisdom beyond that of the friends: and so far from being the most ancient of men, among them are men (or is a man) old enough to be Job's father.

9. Cp. 12² 13² (Job).—*In our knowledge*] lit. *with us*: see 9³⁵ n.

10. The experience of age is on the side of the friends and against Job.—*Among us are*] unless the first pers. pl. in ⁹ and here has different meanings, the meaning is: among us three friends is, one of us three is: in that case the adjectives, which are in the singular, refer to an individual, and doubtless to Eliphaz who thus with conventional modesty refers to himself: then render, *Among us is one that is both grey-headed and aged, One that is older*, etc. Others have taken the phrase to mean: among us Temanites (Hi.), or among ourselves (Umbr.), or among people who share our opinions (Hgst.): then the singular adjectives should be taken collectively as above.

- 11 Are the consolations of God too small for thee,
And a word (that dealeth) gently with thee?
12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away?
And what do thine eyes hint at?
13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God,
And lettest (such) words go out of thy mouth.
14 What is man, that he should be clean?
And that one born of woman should be righteous?
15 Behold in his holy ones he putteth no trust,
And the heavens are not clean in his sight.
16 How much less one that is abominable and tainted,
A man that drinketh in unrighteousness like water.

II. Ought Job to have rejected as worthless and unadapted to his case Eliphaz's former gentle and (cp. especially 5^{17ff.}) consolatory speech?—*The consolations of God*] Eliphaz feels that, since he is the recipient of revelations (4^{12ff.}), what he says is not merely his own, but God's speech: cp. 22²²; Job's sentiment is different (21²).—*Gently*] see phil. n.: AV. RVm. erroneously give to לֵאמֹר the meaning *secret* (cp. בְּלֵאמֹר, Jg. 4²¹ = בְּלֵא, 1 S. 18²²).

12f. Why is Job so passionate as to turn his temper and speak against God: so, if the connection is right: between 12 and 13 Du. inserts 6, rendering 13 *For thou turnest*, etc.—*Hint at*] see phil. n.

13. *Spirit*] in the sense of passion or temper: cp. Jg. 8³, Pr. 16³².—*Lettest (such) words go*] or, emending, *bringest forth defiance*; cp. 23² and see phil. n.

14f. Varied from 4^{17f.}; cp. also 9^{2b} 25^{4f.}. In 14 the parallelism intended was perhaps of a. b | b'. a' type (Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 64 f.), in which case render: What is man, that he should be clean, And (what) that he should be righteous, (is) one born of woman?—*One born of woman*] 14¹ n.

15. *His holy ones*] the angels: cp. 4¹⁸.—*The heavens*] cp. "moon . . . stars" in 25⁵; and "the very heavens for purity" (לְטָהָר; cp. יְטָהָר, c. 4¹⁷), Ex. 24¹⁰.

16. The *a fortiori* after 15f. is significantly different from 4¹⁹: there, how impossible for frail, shortlived mortals to be pure

- ¹⁷ I will tell thee, hear thou me ;
 And that which I have seen I will relate ;
¹⁸ (Which wise men do declare,
 Without hiding it, from their fathers ;
¹⁹ Unto whom alone the land was given,
 And no stranger passed among them :)

in God's sight ; here, how impossible for Job (cp. 34⁷), who deliberately soaks himself with unrighteousness, to escape the fate of the wicked, which Eliphaz now proceeds to unfold (^{17ff.}). —*Drinketh . . . like water*] in great gulps, greedily like a thirsty man ; cp. Ps. 73¹⁰.

17-19. The vv., as a solemn introduction to the main theme of the speech, correspond to 4¹²⁻¹⁵ in Eliphaz's first speech : what Eliphaz is about to tell Job is the fruit of his own experience (^{17b}) during his long life (¹⁰), confirming and confirmed by that of past generations (cp. 8⁸⁻¹⁰, Bildad) who had dwelt in the land as a pure, unmingled community, undiluted by aliens, and so maintaining an uncontaminated tradition, a dogma of unimpeachable orthodoxy.

17. *Seen*] i.e. learnt, experienced : cp. 24¹ 27¹².

18. *From their fathers*] having received it from their fathers.

19. It is tempting to infer from this v. some definite conclusion as to the date of the writer, but perhaps delusive ; for it is not clear whether the writer intends by *the land*, the home of Eliphaz, viz. Teman, or Canaan (so Bu. Du.). If Canaan is intended, a contrast appears to be drawn between the present, when Canaan is not the sole possession of Israel and Israel is not an unmixed race, and a time in the past when Israel uncontaminated held Canaan unshared and by undisputed right ; the event dividing the two periods has been held to be the Fall of Samaria (721 B.C.), and the settlement of foreigners in the Northern kingdom (cp. 2 K. 17^{24ff.}), or the Exile of Judah (from 586 B.C.). Du. by precarious detailed arguments infers that Job is three or four generations removed from the pre-exilic "fathers," and that about the middle of the 5th cent. B.C. is accordingly the latest date for the poet. But all this falls to the ground if Del., as is possible, is right in feeling that

²⁰ All the days of the wicked man, he travaileth with pain,
And the number of the years (that are) laid up for the
tyrant.

²¹ A sound of terrors is in his ears;

In prosperity the spoiler will come upon him:

²² He believeth not that he will return out of darkness,
And he is 'reserved' for the sword:

Eliphaz, in genuine Arab fashion, is merely boasting of the purity of his own tribe of Teman, and placing the origin of the doctrine he is about to proclaim back in a remote past when that purity of the tribe was still greater than now.—*The land*] not, here, *the earth*.—*Stranger*] of alien race; 19^{15a} n.—*Passed among them*] passed to and fro among (בְּחֹק) them, became one of them (Del. Bu.), rather than passed through them as an enemy (Di.)—the force of עָבַר ב in Nah. 2¹ (1⁵¹); cp. "And Jerusalem shall be holy, And aliens shall no more pass through it" (Jl. 4¹⁷).

20-35. The fate of the wicked.

20-24. Even while the wicked seem to prosper, they are in reality tormented by the expectation that misfortunes, such as are described in ²¹⁻²⁴, will overtake them: such a theory—it is nothing more—helps to bolster up the orthodox dogma maintained by the friends that the wicked do not prosper: the apparent prosperity of the wicked, they argue, or rather assert, is not real; the happiness which their outward possessions might seem to ensure is destroyed by inward forebodings: far truer to life is the delineation of the temper of the prosperous in Lk. 12¹⁹.—*The tyrant*] the parallel term to "wicked men" in ^a; and, therefore, virtually equivalent to *him*: but see phil. n. For the meaning of the term, see 6²³ n.

21. *Spoiler*] or *robber*, 12⁶.

22. *Return out of darkness*] This should naturally mean: recover prosperity after the misfortunes of his forebodings have befallen him: we should rather expect (cp. ^{23b}), even if it were necessary to read סֹר for שׁוּב, *avoid darkness*, i.e. misfortune: he has no hope of escaping from misfortune, whether that take the form of violent death (^{22b}), or (^{23a}) being reduced to beggary.

- ²³ He wandereth abroad for bread, (saying), "Where is it?"
 He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his
 hand:
- ²⁴ Distress and anguish affright him;
 They prevail against him, as a king ready for the fray:
- ²⁵ Because he hath stretched out his hand against God,
 And behaveth himself proudly against the Almighty;
- ²⁶ He runneth upon him with a (stiff) neck,
 With the thick bosses of his shield;

23. Possibly ^{22b}, ^{23b} have been transposed; adopting emendations noticed in the phil. n., we might then read:

- ²² He believeth not that he will avoid the darkness,
^{23b} He knoweth that his calamity is ready;
^{23a} He is wandering abroad for bread (saying), "Where is it?"
^{22b} And he is reserved for the sword.
- ²⁴ The day of darkness affrighteth him,
 Distress and anguish prevail against him.

The last clause of ²⁴ is then the third stichos of a tristich unless we place it after ^{26a} (cp. Du.), to which it would form an admirable parallel.

24. *Prevail against*] 14²⁰.—*As a king ready for the fray*] irresistibly: though the *king* is not necessarily more irresistible than any other warrior, cp. Pr. 6¹¹ "Thy poverty shall come . . . and thy want as a man with a shield."

25-28. The conduct of the wicked, tyrannical (^{20b}) man is described as the ground of his fate as just sketched: ²⁹ would follow ²⁴ quite well, and Sgf. Be. Bu. omit ²⁵⁻²⁸—not quite necessarily.

25 f. He has been defiantly hostile to God.—*Behaveth himself proudly*] or mightily, playeth the, or acteth as a, warrior (יחנבר): cp. Is. 42¹³ "Yahweh will go forth as a mighty man . . . he will act mightily against his enemies": c. 36⁹ "He declareth to them their transgressions, that they behave themselves proudly (or mightily)."

26. *With a (stiff) neck*] or, emending, *as a warrior* (cp. Is. 42¹³; see last n.) to which "as a king," etc., would be the parallel term if ^{24bβ} originally followed ^{26a}.—*Bosses*] 13¹² n.

- 27 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness,
And made collops of fat on his loins ;
- 28 And he hath dwelt in effaced cities,
In houses which no man should inhabit,
Which were destined to become heaps.
- 29 He becometh not rich, neither doth his substance endure,
Neither do his ears (of corn) bend to the earth.
- 30 He departeth not out of darkness.
His shoots the flame drieth up,
And his 'bud' is 'swept away' by the wind.

27. Grown rich and prosperous, he has become confirmed in his insensibility to God and all that is spiritual: for this figurative use of fatness, cp. Dt. 32¹⁵, Jer. 5²⁸, Ps. 73⁷ 119⁷⁰.

28. Being indifferent to God (27), he builds up and inhabits sites which have been reduced to ruins by some judgment of God, and on which accordingly the curse of God rests, virtually carrying with it a decree of God that such places are not to be rebuilt (cp. Jos. 6²⁶, 1 K. 16³⁴, Dt. 13¹⁷). Lines ^{a, b} give a complete distich which is not improved by being transformed into a tristich by the addition of ^c. Du., rather precariously appealing to ע (see phil. n.), takes ^{28c} (reading התעתה אחרים ישאו) with ^{29a}: What he hath prepared others will take away, And his substance does not endure.

29. The statements in ^a are, strictly speaking, inconsistent, for the second implies that the man does acquire *substance*, or wealth (חיל , 31²⁵), though he does not retain it. Possibly the first negative is due to error, and the line originally ran: He becometh rich, but his wealth endureth not—a sentence of the same type as 8¹⁵. On line ^b, which is also questionable, see phil. n.

30. Line ^a—an isolated stichos—looks like a variant of ^{22a}. —b. c. The wicked man may be rich and prosperous (cp. ^{29a} n.), resembling a flourishing plant (cp. 8^{16f.}) which gives promise of fruit, but his wealth as suddenly vanishes as a tree ruined by lightning or wind.—*Shoots*] 8¹⁶ 14⁷. Line ^c in H reads, And he departeth not with (or, by means of) the breath of his mouth, which is obviously corrupt, see phil. n.

- ³¹ Let him trust not in emptiness, deceiving himself :
 For emptiness will be his return for what he doeth.
- ³² [His palm-branch] is [cut off] before its time,
 And his palm-frond luxuriates no more.
- ³³ He wrongeth, like the vine, his unripe grape,
 And casteth off, like the olive, his flower.

31. This v., too, in **H** is questionable, but satisfactory emendation is not forthcoming. The meaning, if **H** is correct, appears to be: "his vanity (*i.e.* emptiness), in the sense of frivolity or worldliness, brings as its reward 'vanity' in the sense of what is worthless or disappointing" (Dr.). Between ³⁰ and ^{32f.} (all figures from plant life), ³¹ may well be out of place (Be. Bu. Du. Peake), unless this v. also in its original form referred to plant life: Richter's attempt, however, to recover such an original is unhappy.—*Emptiness*] 7³ n.—*His return for what he doeth*] lit. *his exchange*: cp. 20¹⁸ 28¹⁷.

32a. Or (see phil. n.) emending otherwise, it (*viz.* the shoots of ^{30a}) is cut off before its time. **H**, which though improbable has found defenders, reads, Before his time it—which is taken to refer to "his return" in ³¹ (Di.), or to mean "his fate" (Bu., if **H** were correct)—is fulfilled.—*Before his time*] lit. *on not his day*, *i.e.* on a day not, but earlier than, that on which he would normally have died—not at the end of his days, but in the midst of his days: cp. Ps. 55²⁴ (23).

33. The wicked man, since he never really enjoys any prosperity he may appear to possess or sees promise of success fulfilled, is like a vine that produces grapes indeed, but grapes that never ripen; or like the olive that produces a profusion of flowers, most of which, however, do not set into fruit even in the alternate year in which the olive bears: "every second year, though it bloom, it scarcely produces any berries at all": see Wetzst. in Del., and Thomson, *The Land and the Book*, 54 f. —*He wrongeth*] by failing to mature; cp. of the sinner. "He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul," Pr. 8³⁶. The paraphrase of the Heb. in **EV**. ("shaketh off") is false to nature: the vine does not cast its unripe berries, but "the unriper the berries, the faster they stick" (Del.).

³⁴ For the company of the godless is sterile ;

And fire devoureth the tents of bribery.

³⁵ They conceive mischief, and bring forth misfortune ;

And their belly prepareth disappointment (for themselves).

34. The whole class of the wicked is like sterile ground producing no crops: the whole class furnishes no example of a really, permanently successful man.—*Company*] cp. similarly Ps. 22¹⁷ (16) and 86¹⁴; it does not here mean *family* (Del.), even though that meaning could be established for 16⁷.—*Godless*] 13¹⁶ 8¹³ n.—*Sterile*] 3⁷ n.—*Fire*] one of the causes of Job's calamities (1¹⁶) to which fact there is perhaps an oblique allusion here: cp. 20²⁶ (Sopbar), 22²⁰ (Eliphaz).—*The tents of bribery*] the homes of those who have grown rich by accepting bribes (cp. Is. 1²³), or have used their riches to bribe judges and pervert justice in their own interest: bribery is obviously selected as typical of gross sins.

35. Cp. Is. 59⁴ 33¹¹, Ps. 7¹⁵ (14).—*Mischief . . . misfortune*] 4⁸ n. 3¹⁰ n.—*Belly*] i.e. womb, as 3¹¹. Others (Del.) take *belly* here of the entire inward nature of man, including thought, feeling, and will (cp. Pr. 18⁸ 20^{27, 30} 22¹⁸), which would suit the vb. (*prepareth*), but would involve the abandonment of the figure in ^a.

XVI. XVII. Job's reply to Eliphaz's second speech.—

Like his previous replies, this speech also is only in part (most clearly in 16²⁻⁵ and, perhaps, 17¹⁰) directly addressed to the friends. In 17^{3f.} (in $\mathfrak{C}$ also in ⁶) God is addressed, and in 16¹⁸ earth is apostrophized. But more of this than of the previous replies is in the strain of musing or monologue; so 16^{6-17. 20-22} 17^{1f. 5-9. 11-17} are not obviously addressed either to the friends or to God, and 16²⁰ is obviously not addressed to either. Opening with a brief and contemptuous dismissal of the comfort offered by the friends (16¹⁻⁵), Job passes on to describe God's violent treatment of him (7-16), in spite of his innocence (17^{1f.}). And yet God is his witness and vindicator (18-17³); and accordingly, with death imminent, to Him and not to the friends he appeals (16²⁰ 17⁴). But from this bold appeal to

XVI. ¹ Then Job answered and said,

² I have heard many such things :

Troublesome comforters are ye all.

³ Shall windy words have an end ?

Or what provoketh (?) thee that thou answerest ?

⁴ I also could speak as ye do,

If your soul were in my soul's stead ;

I could join words together against you,

And shake mine head at you :

God against God, he returns to describe further God's harsh treatment of him, and his hopeless outlook (17⁶⁻¹⁶).

2-5. Job contemptuously rejects the commonplaces (^{2a}) which Eliphaz (^{3b}), merely repeating what he and the others (^{2b}) had said in their previous speeches, has just uttered. Instead of being silent, as Job had begged them to be (13⁵), what makes Eliphaz speak at all, if this is all he has to offer (³)? He and his friends may have come to comfort him, but so far from doing so (cp. 21³⁴) in reality (cp. 13⁴), they add to his trouble by forcing upon him conventional words of comfort, not springing from their hearts. How easily and how abundantly could Job, if their parts were reversed, let loose on them like words, and give them support of the same kind !

2. *I have heard such things*] already from you and your two companions ; and what they say has already been stigmatized as commonplace (12³).—*Troublesome comforters*] not conveying, as Eliphaz had claimed, the comforts of God (15¹¹), but comforters (cp. 2¹¹) of, *i.e.* who cause to me, trouble (עֲיִל, 3¹⁰ n.).—*Are ye all*] Eliphaz, whom very exceptionally (cp. 12⁷ 26² n.) in ^{3b} he addresses by himself, is no better than the other two.

3a. A retort to 15².—*Provoketh*] see phil. n.

4. If the circumstances of Job and the friends were reversed, Job could (not "would"), only too easily and as vainly, have spoken like the friends ; what Job actually had done, and would have done again for sufferers like himself, was very different ; for his words had really comforted, restored, and strengthened (4^{3f}. Eliphaz, 29¹²⁻¹⁶ Job). b. Or, *If only your soul were in my soul's stead!* (see phil. n.) : would that ye could

⁵ I could strengthen you with my mouth,
And 'not' restrain the solace of my lips.

⁶ If I speak, my pain is not restrained:
And if I forbear, how much (of it) departeth from me?

look at and judge your comfort from the position of the sufferer.—*Join words together*] or, *make fine speeches* (see phil. n.), thinking more of my own skill than your need.—*Shake mine head at*] the gesture is mentioned in cases in which mocking or satirical words are added or implied: Ps. 22⁸ (cp. the || הלעיג, and the words of ⁹), Is. 37²² (|| הלעיג, בזה), Eccus. 12¹⁸, Mt. 27³⁹ (cp. ⁴⁰).

5. The irony of ⁴ is continued; mere lip comfort is easily given. b. $\mathfrak{H}$, And the solace of my lips should restrain (sc. your pain: cp. ⁶); then ^b, and in that case ^a too, would be more naturally taken seriously, not ironically; but, if ⁵ expressed what Job would actually do, in contrast to ⁴ what he could, but would not, do, a strong adversative would be required at the beginning of ⁵: RV. accordingly supplies *But*; this is, however, virtually an emendation, and a bad one, for if Job had been turning from irony to a statement of what he would actually do, he would not lay stress on *mouth* and *lips* (cp. 11² n.).—*Not restrain*] or, emending otherwise, “*encourage you with*”; the translation above follows $\mathfrak{E}$ (see phil. n.).

6. Alike whether Job speaks or keeps silence, his pain is in no way alleviated. The connection is not obvious, and “speak” is rather ambiguous; it is commonly taken (Di.) to mean: If I speak to my friends, I get no comfort from them; I may as well, therefore, keep silence; but that course, too, does not ease me. But a comparison with 7¹¹ 10¹ suggests that it may mean: If I say to and of God what I think about His treatment of me, it is true He remains deaf to my appeals, and I get no alleviation, neither do I, however, when I keep silence; therefore, I will repeat my case against Him.

7-16. In the tone of a soliloquy, Job describes the condition to which God in His hostility has reduced him.

7. *He*] The subject is God, unnamed (cp. 3²⁰ n.) till ¹¹: not Eliphaz (for ⁷ and ⁸ are closely connected, and ^{8b}, in any case,

⁷ Only now he hath wearied me out, (and) appalled 'me'.

'And' all my 'calamity' hath seized hold upon me.

⁸ It hath been a witness and risen up against me;

My leanness testifieth to my face!

refers to a visitation of God), nor "my pain" (Y).—(*And*) *appalled me and all my calamity hath seized hold upon me*] see phil. notes. *Thou hast appalled*, or *laid waste* (EV. "made desolate") *all my company* (so *ff*), or (*S*) *all my testimony*, i.e. all that testifies to me, my good fortune (?), or (Ehrlich), *all that I testify*, i.e. my arguments, ⁸ *and thou hast seized hold upon me*. The address in ^{7b. 8a}, if *Th* were correct, must be to God, but the transition from the 3rd pers. in ^{7a} to the 2nd in ^{7b. 8a} and back to the 3rd in ⁹ would be very awkward. "Thou hast laid waste all my company" in *Th* is supposed to mean that God has changed the entire circle of the adherents, house-mates, and friends of Job into his enemies (Di. Da.), and so left Job deserted and alone; but to speak of alienating a man's friends as a "laying waste," not of himself but of them, is very strange: nor perhaps would the estrangement of Job's friends (19¹³⁻¹⁹) be quite naturally referred to here. For the use of "company" in *Th*, cp. 15³⁴.

8. All this misfortune testifies, on the current theory of prosperity and adversity, to Job's guilt; cp. 10¹⁷.—*My leanness*] cp. Ps. 109²⁴: see phil. n.

9-14. In vv. ^{9a. b. 12-14} we have *figurative* descriptions of the treatment measured out to Job by God (the unnamed subj., as already in ^{7a (7b)}, of vbs. in the *sing.*); in ¹⁰ description of the treatment of Job by human adversaries—the unnamed subjects of vbs. in the *plural*: ¹¹ states that God delivers Job up into the power of such human adversaries. Thus the present order of the vv. is anything but natural. Wr. places ¹¹ before ¹⁰, Peake before ^{9c} (reading the noun, vbs., and 3rd pers. in the pl.), and this would relieve the more serious difficulty. Sgf. deletes ^{10f.}, Du. ^{9c-11} allowing the figures of ^{9a. b} to be continued uninterrupted by ¹². The omission of ^{10a} only (*Gr*) does not ease the difficulty; and the insertion before ^{9c} in *Gr* of the line (cp. 6⁴), "The arrows of his troops have fallen upon me," only

- ⁹ His wrath hath torn me, and with hatred pursued me;
 He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:
 Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me;
¹⁰ They have gaped upon me with their mouth;
 They have smitten my cheeks reproachfully;
 One and all they mass themselves against me.
¹¹ God delivereth me to the unrighteous,
 And casteth me headlong into the hands of the wicked.
¹² I was at ease, and he hath cleft me asunder;
 He hath taken hold of my neck, and dashed me to pieces.

partially: it would account for plurals in ^{10b, c} (*ℳ*, but not *℄*), but hardly for the vbs. used: for the treatment described in these lines is scarcely that of those who composed God's (super-human) troops, but far rather of such terrors as those mentioned in ¹¹.

9a, b. Yahweh, or specifically His anger, is figured as a wild beast tearing (טָרַף as Gn. 37³³, Ex. 22¹², and frequently in figures, e.g., Dt. 33²⁰ and, as here, of God, Hos. 5¹⁴) its prey. The figure is continued in ¹²: see last n.—*With hatred pursued me*] or, transposing two letters, *dropped me*, i.e. from his mouth to the ground, which maintains the figure.—**c.** *Mine adversary*] No doubt Job might so have termed God, though צַר is not exactly the term suggested by the passages (⁹ ³ ¹⁰^{2, 17} ¹³^{19ff.}) to which Bu. appeals; but it would be curious that the expressed subject should appear first in the *third* line of the tristich (^{9a, b, c} being on this view a tristich). But ^{9c} is preferably taken as forming with ^{10a} a distich; and the adversary, or rather the adversaries (*pl.*) are human: in this case read with *℄*: *Mine adversaries sharpen their eyes*.

10. Cp. 30^{1, 9f. 12ff.}.—*Gaped . . . with their mouth*] in derision; cp. Ps. 22¹⁴⁽¹³⁾, Is. 57⁴.—*Smitten my cheek*] cp. Mic. 4¹⁴, La. 3³⁰, Mt. 5³⁹.

11. *The wicked*] *ℳ children*: see phil. n.

12a, b. If ^{9c-11} be an interpolation, this v. continues the figure of the wild beast in ^{9a, b}, completing a quatrain devoted to it.—*Cleft me asunder*] or *mangled*, or *clawed, me* (see the phil. n.).

12c, 13. A fresh figure to which also a quatrain is devoted:

He hath also set me up for his mark ;

¹³ His archers compass me round about ;

He cleaveth through my reins, and doth not spare ;

He poureth out my gall upon the ground.

¹⁴ He breaketh me with breach upon breach ;

He runneth upon me like a warrior.

¹⁵ Sackcloth have I sewed upon my skin,

And I have laid my horn in the dust.

God is an archer (so, *e.g.*, Ps. 64^{s(7)}), Job the butt (cp. La. 3¹²) for His arrows.—*Archers*] unless the word may be rendered *arrows* (see phil. n.), God is now in ^{13a} represented as a commander (so also implicitly 19¹²) of archers (rather than, as in ^{12c}, actually Himself shooting), by means of whose shooting, rather than by arrows shot by His own hand, He pierces Job's vital parts.—*He cleaveth through my reins*] cp. "until an arrow cleave through his liver," *i.e.* till he is mortally wounded, Pr. 7²³; "He (God) hath caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my reins," La. 3¹³.—*He poureth out my gall*] cp. "My liver is poured out on the ground," La. 2¹¹. Cp. also the reference to the gall-bladder in c. 20²⁵.

14. Another fresh figure—this time developed in a single distich: God is a warrior engaged in breaching a fortified city, Job the city in whose walls breach after breach is made.—*Breaketh*] or *makes a breach in*; so with acc. of the fence or wall, Is. 5⁵, Ps. 80¹³ 89⁴¹ (note the ||), Neh. 3³⁵; for the noun of a *breach* in a wall, see 30¹⁴, Am. 4³, 1 K. 11²⁷.—*He runneth upon me*] cp. 15²⁶; also (if we there read נָרַר for נָרַר) Ps. 18³⁰⁽²⁹⁾: "For by thee I run up to a fence, and by my God I leap over a wall."—*Warrior*] גִּבּוֹר, not *giant* (EV.): cp. 1 S. 2⁴, 2 S. 23⁸, Pr. 16³², Is. 13³ 21¹⁷ etc., and, as here, figuratively of God, Is. 42¹³ (|| "man of war").

15f. Resuming ⁶, Job describes his miserable condition resulting from God's hostility, 7-14. He has ^{15a} sewn together a garment of *sak*, and now wears it next his skin (cp. 1 K. 21²⁷, 2 K. 6³⁰), or, perhaps, the precise implication of the line is rather, the sackcloth never leaves me (Ehrlich). Job's wearing of sackcloth, a frequently mentioned sign of grief or mourning

- ¹⁶ My face is red with weeping,
 And on my eyelids is thick darkness ;
¹⁷ Although there is no violence in my hands,
 And my prayer is pure.
¹⁸ O earth, cover not thou my blood,
 And let my cry have no (resting) place.

(cp. Is. 22¹²), is not referred to in the Prologue, but it is the normal sequel to the rending or removal of the garments (1²⁰) worn by the persons in question (cp. Gn. 37³⁴, 1 K. 21²⁷, 2 K. 19¹, Jon. 3⁶).—*Laid my horn in the dust*] a fig. of complete humiliation; so, “to exalt the horn” is to lift into a position of pride and dignity. The fig. is often supposed to be derived from the bull, whose strength and pride lie in its horns: for another explanation, see phil. n.

16b. Darkness is already settling on Job’s eyebrows and will soon close them in death; or, as others think, ^a refers to the watering of the eyes which is a symptom of elephantiasis, and ^b to the loss of sight consequent on the weeping.

17. There has been no moral justification for God’s reducing Job to such misery. Cp. 10⁷. The v. is scarcely, as it is often said to be, a contradiction of Eliphaz’s charge in 15^{4f.}: Eliphaz there charges Job with *sins of speech about God* in the course of the discussion; what Job here denies is violence of deed in ^{17a}, and in ^b, if the text be correct, insincere speech to God. But ^{17b} is a curious parallel to ^a; like ^a it may perhaps originally have repudiated insincere or deceptive speech towards men (cp. Is. 53⁹), or (with נתיבתי, *my way* (Du. ?), or הנהלכתי, *my walking*, course of life (Be.) for “my prayer”) have contained a reference to conduct in general.

18-21. About to die an undeserved (¹⁷) death, Job passionately appeals for the vindication of his innocence after death (¹⁸), and, though it is God who will inflict the undeserved death, it is God to whom he looks to vindicate him (¹⁹) both against Himself (^{21a}), who by the sufferings which He has inflicted has seemed to represent Job as wicked, and against his fellow-men (^{21b}), who have definitely charged him with wickedness.

18. When he is dead, let his assertion of innocence and his

¹⁹ Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,
And he that voucheth for me is on high.

²⁰ My friends are my scorers :
Unto God mine eye droppeth (tears) ;

call for vengeance on his murderer go on ringing up to heaven; let his blood lie uncovered that its voice may not be gagged with the dust of the grave, and let the cry of his blood find no tarrying place as it travels up to heaven. By a special development of the widespread belief in the dangers generated by shed blood (cp. BLOOD, § 2, in *ERE*), Hebrew folklore taught that such blood, so long as it lay on the ground uncovered and unabsorbed, or if, having been covered over, it was again laid bare, cried out to God for vengeance: cp. Gn. 4¹⁰, Is. 26²¹ and, especially, Ezk. 24⁶⁻⁹ with its emphasis on the unabsorbent rock in contrast with the ground in general (אֶרֶץ), which would have been more absorbent: Woe to the bloody city . . . for the blood she has shed is in her midst, on the bare rock she has (or, with *U*, I have) set it: she poured it not out upon the earth, so as to cover it over with dust; (but) in order to arouse fury, that vengeance might be taken, I have put the blood she has shed upon the bare rock, so that it might not be covered. Thus the double aspect (cp. 7²¹ n.) under which Job apprehends God at this stage is clear and striking: God is his murderer; but Job's blood, shed by Him, will cry not in vain to heaven; for there it will find a vindicator, and that vindicator will be—God. Ehrlich's explanation, on the basis of Talmudic usage, is singularly improbable: according to him the meaning is: O earth, let my blood—by which is meant the injustice done him by his opponents representing him as a sinner—cry to heaven, so that I have no need to cry out myself.

¹⁹. *On high*] or, *in the heights*—a synonym for heaven, as 25² 31².

²⁰. Job's friends scorn him for his sufferings; he turns his tear-stained face to God with the plea which follows in ²¹; so or similarly the v. is understood on the supposition that *U* is correct, and that ^a is to be translated as above. If *U* is correct, the above translation, which follows *U*, is the least improbable;

²¹ That he would decide for a man (in his contest) with God,
And between a son of man and his neighbour.

²² For a few years will come,
And (then) I shall go the way by which I shall not return.

but it could also be, and has by some been, translated in various other ways: My friend, or (Hoffm.) my shepherd (*i.e.* God), is my scorner (or, translating מליץ as in 33²³, my interpreter); or, they that mock me are friends of God (Wr.); or, my thoughts (or, aims; see Ps. 139^{2. 17} †) are my interpreters (Ehrlich). *Et* presupposes a better parallelism and a better rhythm: it renders,

May my prayer come unto God,
Before him mine eye droppeth (tears).

21. Dependent on the sense of petition expressed in ²⁰—indirectly in ^b, and perhaps originally directly in ^a: My prayer is that my witness in heaven (¹⁹) would secure my right (ויוכה: cp. 9³³, Is. 11⁴), be the arbitrator whom I have longed for (9³³), in my contest with God.—*Man, son of man*] are simply parallel terms: cp. Ps. 8⁵ (⁴); the general term in each case refers specifically to Job; for the “and” can scarcely, with Ehrlich, be taken as the “and” of comparison (cp. phil. n.), so that the v. would mean: that God may secure right for Job in his dispute with God, *as* (He is wont to decide justly) between a man and his neighbour (cp. 1 S. 2²⁵).—*His neighbour*] or, friend: in this latter sense the term in the pl. is applied to Job’s three friends (2¹¹ 19²¹): the sing. here does not refer to Eliphaz (Peake) in particular, but obliquely (as “man” to Job) to all three friends, the sing. being chosen as common in such phrases (cp. *e.g.* Jer. 7⁵). Another mistaken view of the sing. is that it is a synonym for God (Du.); but there is no reason for the choice of such a strange term for God (note the *antithesis* between God and a man’s neighbour in Ex. 33¹¹ and in ²⁰ if the text there be correct), for if ^b had been an exact repetition of the thought of ^a the writer could, according to his usual practice, have used in ^b an alternative name for God (אל or שדי).

22-XVII. 2. Job gives as the ground for the wish just expressed his conviction of the near approach of death.

22. This v. appears to say: only a few more *years* of life

XVII. ¹ My spirit is broken,

My days are extinct,

The grave is (ready) for me.

² Surely there is mockery beside me,

And mine eye abideth in their defiance.

remain to me, whereas the next (17¹) naturally suggests that Job regards his life as already virtually at an end; thus the two vv. do not go well together. Further, if both verses alike contain a reason either why God should intervene *speedily*, or why Job must make his plea *without delay*, it seems out of place to speak of *years* of life, even though but a few years, yet to come. Either ²² is out of place (Sgf.), or we must emend in such a way that ²² like 17¹ implies that death is imminent (see phil. n.).—*A few years*] lit. “years of number,” the idiom being the same as in “a few men,” Gn. 34³⁰, Dt. 4²⁷ etc.

22b. Cp. 10^{21a}.

XVII. 1. See phil. n.—*My spirit is broken*] i.e. my life (τ my soul) is destroyed; death is more commonly described as the departure (Ec. 12⁷, Ps. 104²⁹ 146⁴), and in Is. 57¹⁶ as an enfeeblement, of the spirit. AV. “My breath is corrupt,” but the vb. does not mean “is fetid,” and, even if it did, a reference here to Job’s fetid breath (19¹⁷) would not agree either with the parallel lines or the context.

2. The v. is very strangely phrased, and is probably corrupt. Apparently Job returns to the charge against the friends in 16²⁰ ח (but see n. there), alluding, as Dr. puts it, “to his friends’ illusory promises of restoration (e.g. 5¹⁷⁻²⁶), and exasperating insinuations of his guilt” (e.g. 8³⁻⁶ 11⁴⁻⁶. 20: cp. 12^{4f}). So Di., who also mentions and criticizes numerous other untenable suggestions. Du., reading *bitternesses* in ^b instead of *their defiance*, understands *mockery* in ^a of the constant disappointment of Job’s hopes (cp. 13^a), and “bitternesses” in ^b of the bitter conditions imposed on him by God.—*Surely there is . . . and*] the rendering, in itself legitimate, *if there is not . . . then* yields no appropriate sense: for נ^ל בנ, *surely*, cp. 31³⁶, Lex. 50b.—*Beside me*] the mockery of my friends, or of fortune, surrounds (בַּי, as 29^{6, 20} 25²), or is in conflict with (בַּי, as

- ³ Lay down, I pray thee, the pledge for me with thyself;
 Who (else) is there that will strike his hand in to mine?
⁴ For their heart hast thou hid from understanding:
 Therefore thou wilt not exalt them.
⁵ He that denounceth (his) friends for a prey,
 Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

10¹⁷ n.) me.—*Abideth in*] or, emending, faileth by reason of (see phil. n.).

3. Addressing himself now to God, Job, even more clearly than in 16²⁰⁻²², sets over against one another his two thoughts of God—God hostile and God friendly, God unjustly making him suffer and so taking away his character, and God able and ultimately willing to re-establish his character; or, in the terms of the present figure, God as the giver of the pledge or bail which releases Job, and God as the receiver of the bail who, till He receives it, holds Job a prisoner (cp. 13²⁷). He does not expect immediate vindication, else no need of bail, nor even in this life (cp. 19²⁵⁻²⁷).

3b. There is no one else who can give this pledge to clear him from God's aspersions, alike before God and man (16²¹), but God Himself.—*Strike his hand*] i.e. make the gesture that accompanies the giving of a pledge: cp. Pr. 6¹ 17¹⁸.

4. The friends, who might naturally have gone surety for Job's innocence, will not do so, because God has deprived them of the power of seeing the true state of the case, and consequently they believe Job guilty. But since this conclusion of theirs is due to blindness, God who is not blind, but sees aright, cannot exalt them to the position of victors in their dispute with Job by allowing Job's innocence to remain permanently unvindicated. Such is commonly taken to be the connection. Du. thinks the v., which G omits, due to an interpolator mindful of 42^{7ff.}, but unmindful of the immediate context.

5. It is probable that the text of ^a is hopelessly corrupt (so Sgf.), and that this accounts for the fact that all attempts to explain the v. either suffer from artificiality, or place on the words of the text a questionable meaning. *Denounceth*, or

informeth against, is the only meaning that can safely be placed on הַנִּיד, construed with an acc. of the pers. (see phil. n.); there is no justification in usage for rendering *inviteth*, and *speaketh to* (AV.) is not to be supported by reference to 26⁴ (see n. there), 31³⁷ (acc. of the *suffix*), 2 S. 15³¹ (see Dr. *ad loc.*), and scarcely even by 2 K. 7^{9, 11}, Ezk. 43¹⁰. *Prey* (RV.) is a unique rendering of חֶלֶק, which is commonly rendered *portion*, or *share*, and may refer to, *inter alia*, a *portion* of spoil or booty (Gn. 14²⁴, 1 S. 30²⁴), or of food (Hab. 1¹⁶), or of land (Jos. 19⁹ and often); so the vb. חָלַק usually means *to divide*, *apportion* (spoil, food, land, etc.); but in 2 Ch. 28²¹ it has virtually developed the meaning *to plunder*, an exceptional meaning of the vb. which supplies some ground for the sense “prey” given to the noun here (Ew. reaches much the same meaning in another way). *Flattery* (AV.) is, in itself, also a legitimate rendering of חָלַק (cp. Pr. 7²¹). Literally rendered, according to the usual meaning of the words, the v. thus reads: *For a portion one denounceth friends, and the eyes of his children fail*; “his” in ^b refers to “one” in ^a; “his” in ^a (RV.) is not expressed in Hebrew. The following may be given as the principal efforts to impose a meaning on these words and to connect them with their context. 1. Dr., retaining RV. without alteration, comments: “Job compares his friends (implicitly) to a man who heartlessly distrains (as we should say) the goods of a neighbour for debt, and whose children suffer for their father’s cruelty.” On this theory the v. is at once a charge and a threat: the friends of Job are cruel; the children of the cruel suffer; therefore their children will suffer—a curious threat for Job to make, for see 21^{19f.}. Hgst. makes the whole v. a threat, rendering, *A prey (becometh) he who denounceth friends, And the eyes of his children fail*. 2. Ew. al. (cp. Di.) take the whole v. as descriptive, thus avoiding the threat; ^b is then treated as circumstantial; and the *sing.* pron. in ^b is taken to refer not to the denouncer, but to the friends (plural) denounced; for such *enallage numeri* Di. refers to 18⁵ 24^{5, 16f.} 27²³; and Ew. accounts for it here by the fact that while using the pl. with a general reference in ^a, Job is all the time thinking of himself: he renders, *for allotting, i.e.*

- ⁶ He hath made me a byword of the peoples ;
 And as one at whom men spit must I be.
⁷ Mine eye also is dim by reason of vexation,
 And all my members are as a shadow.

that the lot may be cast for them as for prisoners, *one denounces friends, while the eyes of his (i.e. the friends') children fail*. In this case as ⁴ describes the folly, so ⁵ the ruthlessness of the friends of Job, both vv. giving motives for the request in ³ (Di.). 3. Bu. (cp. Peake) treats the v. as a proverb (hence the 3rd pers. sing.), *one invites friends to share (one's table), while his own children's eyes fail* (from starvation), applied to the friends who, actually bereft of wisdom (⁴), yet think they can impart a rich share of their wisdom to Job. This explanation is less forced than the preceding, but it really requires יקרא instead of ייר. 4. Du. also treats the v. as a proverb, and, regarding it as a marginal note not needing to be closely related to the context, renders: *He who denounces friends on account of a pledge, his children's eyes fail*.

6 ff. Resumed description of God's hard treatment of Job.

6. *He*] i.e. God: perhaps, *And thou hast made* should be read (see phil. n.).—*A byword of the peoples*] Job comes to rank among neighbouring peoples, to whom the story of his sufferings spreads, as a great sinner, so that they say "as great a sinner as Job": cp. 30⁹, and for similar phrases, Dt. 28²⁷, 1 K. 9⁷, Jer. 24⁹.—*As one at whom men spit*] i.e. an object of aversion (see phil. n.): *As a portent before them*, perhaps rightly: AV. aforetime (as) *a tabret*, confusing תפת with תף.

7a. Cp. 16¹⁶, Ps. 6⁸.—*Vexation*] at God's undeserved treatment of him: cp. 6².—b. He has grown lean with suffering: cp. 16⁸.

8-10. If these vv. are in their right place, Job is asserting, in contradiction, it is said, to Eliphaz's charge (15⁴) that Job deflects men from religion, that *this* (⁸), viz. the pitiable condition (⁷) to which he is reduced, does indeed perplex other upright men; but that they, nevertheless, cling to the path of righteousness (^{9a}): they do not follow the godless, though the prosperity of the godless angers them (^{8b}), but, keeping them-

- ⁸ Upright men are astonished at this,
 And the innocent is disturbed concerning the godless.
⁹ Yet the righteous holdeth to his way,
 And he that hath clean hands increaseth strength.
¹⁰ But return ye, all of 'you', and come now :
 And I shall not find a wise man among you.
¹¹ My days are past,
 My purposes are broken off,
 (Even) the desires of my heart.

selves pure, ultimately grow strong and prosperous themselves (^{9b}). Let the friends, then, come on again with fresh arguments: not one of them in so doing will prove himself wise to Job (¹⁰). In ¹¹ the description of Job's miserable condition in ⁷ is resumed. Obviously, then, it is possible to pass from ⁷ to ¹⁰ at once; whereas the intervening vv. can only be fitted in with difficulty; for who are these upright men to be astonished at Job's plight? Job's whole complaint is rather that his sufferings mark him out to all men as one smitten by God for his wickedness: then again, ^{8b} with its purely general reference follows awkwardly after ^{8a} with its special reference to Job. It is no more satisfactory to generalize the "this" of ⁸ completely, and to particularize the reference in ⁹ to Job, explaining the vv. to mean upright men are perplexed by "these moral wrongs which they see prevail in God's rule of the world" (Du.); yet Job, who is one of them, is resolved to cling to righteousness. Du. and Peake are probably right, therefore, in regarding the vv. (Peake ^{8.9} at least) as out of place, and probably a part of the speech of one of the friends; Du. inserts ⁸⁻¹⁰ after 18³; the meaning then being that upright men, like the friends, are astounded at Job's profanity ("this" (^{8a}) is then strictly parallel to "the godless" (^{8b})), but hold firm to their righteous way of life (^{9a}) and grow strong therein (^{9b}). ^{10a} Du. alters to the sing. taking it closely with 18^{4a}; ^{10b} he regards as an addition after the vv. had become misplaced.

8b. Me., transposing the terms, rendered: And the godless triumphs over the righteous; but even this does not accommodate the vv. satisfactorily to their present position.

9. *Yet*] Hebr. *and*.

¹² They change the night into day;

“The light” (say they) “is near unto the darkness.”

11 in continuance of ⁷ describes Job's desperate condition. Cp. v. ¹ ⁷ ⁶ ⁹ ^{25f.}. Bu., My days pass away to my death, Broken are the cords of my understanding: Du., My days pass away without hope, The desires of my heart are annihilated: see phil. n.

12. The v. has been taken to mean: while my condition is really desperate (^{11. 13. 16}), my friends say: You are passing through dark days now, but a brighter time is soon coming; this would, indeed, be a correct account of the friends' “comfort” in the first series of speeches (see ⁵ ¹⁷ ²⁶ ⁸ ²⁰⁻²² ¹¹ ¹³⁻¹⁹), and Šophar actually used the fig. of light and darkness: “Thy life will rise up more (brightly) than the noonday, though it be dark, it will become as the morning” (¹¹ ¹⁷). But Eliphaz in his second speech, to which Job is now replying, says nothing of the kind. That the friends are the subject of the vb. in ^a, and authors of the statement in ^b, is not at all clearly indicated: if ¹⁰ is in place, we should expect at least “Ye change”: and if ⁷⁻¹⁰ are out of place (see above), the reference to the friends is still less natural. The v. would be more in place if it expressed Job's conviction that the light of his life is fading into the darkness of death; but no very satisfactory emendation has been proposed (see phil. n.).

13-16. Job, being already as good as dead, has no further ground for hope; for the hope of restoration to former happiness and prosperity does not descend to Sheol, of which Job already feels himself an inhabitant: “all hope abandon ye who enter here.” The general sense remains the same whichever view of the construction of the v. be taken—that represented in the translation above (so RV. Di. Da. Bu. al.), or the older (G^U, AV.) and in many respects the more striking view adopted by Del. Du. (cp. Peake) according to which ^{13f.} should be rendered: If I hope, Sheol is mine house; I have spread my couch in darkness; I have said to the pit, Thou art my father, To the worm, My mother and my sister. This does more justice to the identity of the root of the vb. in ¹³ (אָמַר) and the noun in ¹⁵ (תְּחִוִּי). In the former case the thought

- ¹³ If I look for Sheol as mine house;
 If I have spread my couch in darkness;
¹⁴ If I have said to the pit, Thou art my father;
 To the worm, My mother, and my sister!
¹⁵ Where then is my hope?
 And as for my 'prosperity', who can see it?
¹⁶ Will they go down 'with me' into Sheol?
 Or 'shall we descend' together into the dust?

more precisely is: If Sheol is all I have to look for (^{13l.}), what real hope have I left (¹⁵)? In the latter: If I still hope, death, not life, faces me (^{13l.}), and the certainty of death extinguishes (^{15l.}) hope. If ¹² refers to the comfort given by the friends, ¹⁵ doubtless replies to it: if all I have really to hope for is Sheol, what becomes of the false hopes with which you would buoy me up?

13b. Cp. Ps. 139⁸.—*In darkness*] the darkness of Sheol: cp. 10²¹.

14. For the form of expression, cp. Pr. 7⁴: also c. 30²⁹.—*The pit*] EV. here and, following G, sometimes elsewhere, incorrectly connecting the noun שַׁח (from שָׁח, to sink down, as נָחַח from נָח, etc.) with $\sqrt{\text{שַׁח}}$, render *corruption*. The word, used of a hollow dug in the earth for catching prey (Ps. 7¹⁶ 9¹⁶ 94¹³, Pr. 26²⁷, Ezk. 19⁴), or a natural hollow (9³¹), is applied to the underworld (33^{18. 22. 24. 28. 30}, Is. 38¹⁷ (51¹⁴), Ezk. 28⁸, Jon. 2⁷, Ps. 16¹⁰ 30^{10 (9)} 49^{10 (9)} 55^{24 (23)} 103^{4 †}), conceived as a hollow within the earth; or, if as some suppose (*Lex.*), the term originally denoted a pit in Sheol, "the depths of Sheol" (Pr. 9¹⁸), the part is here, as usually in OT., used for the whole.—*Thou art*] the words should probably be omitted: see phil. n.

15. Both lines, by rhetorical questions, imply that hope does not exist for Job: with the form of ^a, cp. 15²³ 21²⁸, of ^b 7⁸.—*Prosperity*] so G: $\mathfrak{H}$ hope, repeating ^a.

16. Cp. Ps. 49^{18 (17)}. The translation follows G: RV. is not a legitimate rendering of $\mathfrak{H}$, which should mean rather, if it meant anything, To the bars (?) of Sheol they (fem.) shall go down, if together on the dust (there is) rest (or, into the dust we descend): see phil. n.—*The dust*] of the grave: cp. 7²¹ 19²⁵ 20¹¹.

- XVIII. ¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
² How long wil't thou¹ lay snares for words?
 Understand, and afterwards we will speak.
³ Wherefore are we accounted as beasts,
 (And) are 'obtuse' in 'thy' sight?

XVIII. Bildad's second speech.—After impatiently asking whether Job will never stop (²), why he looks upon his friends as blockheads (³), and whether he expects the order of the world to be upset on his account (⁴), Bildad confines himself in the remainder of his speech to painting a dark picture of the fate of the wicked, harassed and tormented while he lives (⁵⁻¹³), and (leaving no posterity) doomed to oblivion when he dies (¹⁴⁻²¹).

2. According to **H**, Bildad here and in ³, though no longer in ⁴, addresses himself not, as elsewhere, and here too according to **E**, to Job alone in the sing., but to Job and others associated with him—How long will *ye*, etc., Wherefore are we obtuse in *your* eyes? But it is improbable that the 2nd plurals are original (see phil. n.), and ² perhaps originally read, "When at last wilt thou cease talking; Leave off (now), that *we* may begin to speak."—*How long*] as at the beginning of Bildad's first speech (⁸).—*Lay snares for words*] hunt and entrap words, setting before us far-fetched arguments which turn out to be irrelevant and after all nothing but words. In ⁸ Bildad's figure suggests the very opposite of this: there Job's words pour forth like a great wind. AV. "how long (will it be ere) you make an end of words" is a questionable rendering of **H**, but may coincide with the meaning of the original text (see phil. n.).—*Understand*] not the friends as Job had asserted (¹⁷), but Job himself has been lacking in intelligence; let him now exchange his logic chopping for an intelligent treatment of the question, and the debate may continue; cp. **V**, *Intelligite prius, et sic loquamar*. *We* in this case includes Job, and it would be better to point the vb. as Nif. (cp. Mal. 3^{13, 16}), and render, we will speak to one another. But the reading of **E** (see above) is preferable.

3. Cp. ¹⁷⁴ (¹⁰).—*Beasts*] *i.e.* unintelligent: cp. Ps. 73³².—

- 4
 Thou that tearest thyself in thy anger,
 Shall the earth on thy account be forsaken?
 Or a rock be removed out of its place?
 5 Yea, the light of the wicked is put out,
 And the flame of his fire doth not shine.
 6 The light is dark in his tent,
 And his lamp above him is put out.

Obtuse] suits the parallel better than "unclean" (ff EV.). Moreover, Job has not charged the friends with being unclean—not even in 17^s by implication. After ³ Du. inserts 17st: see on those vv.

4. Du. inserts 17^{10a} (corrected), thus obtaining a distich: But turn (cp. 6²⁹) and come now, Thou that tearest thyself in thy anger. It is not God, as Job has asserted (16⁹), who tears Job, but Job himself in his rage against God (cp. 5²). The two illustrations in ^{4b,c} drawn from the physical order are commonly supposed to point figuratively to the moral order of the world, and to mean, therefore, "Is the established order of the world (viz. that suffering is a consequence and proof of sin) to be interrupted, in order that *thou* mayest continue to be reputed righteous?" (Dr.).—*Forsaken*] of its inhabitants, and therefore depopulated (cp. Is. 6¹², Lv. 26¹³), though it was God's intention that it should be populated (Gn. 1²⁸, Is. 45¹⁸).—*Or a rock*, etc.] 14¹⁸.

5f. However Job may rage (⁴), the fact remains that the wicked do not prosper, and that those who do not prosper are wicked.—^{5a} = Pr. 13^{9b} 24^{20b}; ^{5b, 6a, b} are variations of the same statement: thus in proverbial and perfectly general terms Bildad denies that the wicked can or do prosper, at the same time suggesting plainly enough the particular application: Job is not prosperous, Job is wicked. The light, or lamp (^{6b}, cp. 1 K. 11³⁶), burning in the house, and the fire burning on the hearth, are symbols that the fortunes of the owner are still intact; when those fortunes are broken, the light goes out (21¹⁷).—*His lamp above him*] suspended from the roof of the tent; it is unlikely that ^h introduces another figure than that

- 7 The steps of his strength are narrowed,
 And his own counsel casteth him down.
 8 For he is carried into a net by his own feet,
 And he walketh upon the toils.
 9 A trap taketh hold of 'his' heel,
 A snare layeth hold on him.
 10 The noose for him is hid in the ground,
 And the gin for him on the way.
 11 Terrors affright him on every side,
 And chase him at every step.

in ^a and refers to the lamp that lights up the way of one walking (29³).

7. A fresh figure for the failing fortunes of the wicked: he no longer, as in the days of his *strength* (Gn. 49³), walks confidently and freely, with plenty of room (Ps. 18³⁷ (36), Pr. 4¹²) to walk in, but slowly under the constraint of a narrow path, and that full of obstacles which cause him to stumble (^b).—*Casteth him down*] or, rather (see phil. n.), *causeth him to stumble*: cp. Pr. 4^{12b}.

8-10. The piling up of the terms and figures for snares and traps indicates the strength of Bildad's conviction that there is no escape for the wicked from doom; by one means or another, as he treads his narrow way (⁷), he must be brought down.

8a. Or, rather perhaps (see phil. n.), For his foot is carried into the net: "his own" above and RV. represents an emphasis which does not exist in ^ל—*The toils*] another form of net (see phil. n.), or "lattice work" (cp. 2 K. 1²) laid over and concealing a pit, to capture wild beasts, which, walking on unsuspectingly, fall into the pit.

9. *A trap*] that closes when trodden on, and catches: Is. 8¹⁴ (n.), Jer. 48⁴⁴, Ps. 124⁷, and often.—*A snare*] see phil. n.

10. *Noose*] Pr. 5²², and in the phrase "nooses (RV. "cords") of death," Ps. 18⁶ al.—*Gin*] see phil. n.

11. *Terrors*] בְּלִחּוֹת, ¹⁴ 24¹⁷ 27²⁰ 30¹⁵; also Ps. 73¹⁹, Ezk. 26²¹ 27³⁶ 28¹⁹: sing. Is. 17¹⁴ †. Wherever he goes the wicked man hears spectral noises (15²¹ Eliphaz), and sees spectral forms, which make his life a constant terror to him.

- ¹² His strength ¹is¹ famished,
 And calamity is ready for his halting.
¹³ ¹Through disease¹ his skin is consumed,
 The firstborn of death consumeth his limbs.
¹⁴ He is plucked out of his tent wherein he trusteth;
 And he is marched to the king of terrors.

12. *Famished*] undermined by hunger. The line agrees better with ¹¹, and the parallel line if rendered, *Trouble hungereth for him*; but see phil. n.—*Calamity*] final ruin, 21¹⁷, Ob. ¹³.—*Is ready*] 15²³.—*For his halting*] cp. Ps. 35¹⁵ 38¹⁸, Jer. 20¹⁰; if he halts, ruin sees to it that he never gets going again. Less vividly and less probably **U** may be rendered “at his side.”

13. Fatal disease attacks the wicked man. On the text, see phil. n.—*The firstborn of death*] like the Arabic *bint el-maniyya*, “daughter of fate,” meaning fever, this phrase should mean fatal disease, possibly the worst and deadliest form of disease, though the parallel cited for this superlative sense of firstborn, “the firstborn of the poor,” meaning the poorest of the poor (Is. 14³⁰), is textually doubtful; as in Is. 14³⁰ so here a superlative is not altogether in place; not all the wicked die of elephantiasis, to which, with a covert allusion to Job (so Dr.), Bildad is here supposed to refer, and yet Bildad is describing the fate of the wicked in general; otherwise it is tempting to see in the line a reference to a specific symptom of elephantiasis, the falling off of pieces of the limbs. Unsuitable or less probable explanations are: the angel of death (**T**), the worm of corruption (cp. 24²⁰: Marshall), the terrors of death (Ley); or, one doomed to death (consumes his own limbs (cp. Is. 9²⁰) in his ravenous hunger, Ew.).

14. The wicked man is torn away from his home in death.—**a.** **U** *avellatur de tabernaculo suo fiducia eius*, whence AV. (cp. **G**), a possible, but in the context a less probable translation of **U**.—*The king of terrors*] Death personified as a king with spectral terrors as his subjects and ministers; a different personification occurs in Ps. 49¹⁵ where Death is the shepherd of the wicked gathered like a flock to Sheol: cp. also Is. 28¹⁵

- ¹⁵ In his tent there dwelleth that which is naught of his ,
 Brimstone is scattered upon his habitation.
¹⁶ His roots are dried up beneath,
 And above his branch is cut off.
¹⁷ His remembrance perisheth from the earth,
 And he hath no name on the face of the open plain.

(Death (|| Sheol) a party to a treaty). Curiously the ancient versions, with the exception of $\mathfrak{T}$, do not recognize in the phrase "the king of terrors" (see phil. n.).

15. After his death, the wicked man's house lies uninhabited and accursed.—*That which is naught of his*] weeds (Hos. 9⁶, Zeph. 2⁹) and wild animals (Is. 13^{21f.} 34¹¹), such as are found in desolate places, are probably intended, if the text is correct. In ^b the desolation of his homestead is differently expressed; as a mark of the curse of God, brimstone falls on it and makes it uninhabitable: cp. Gn. 19²⁴, Dt. 29²², Ps. 11⁶. $\mathfrak{T}$ for ^a has: His wife ($\mathfrak{H}$: she) shall dwell in a tent not his. According to Ehrlich the v. means that "it," viz. the infection of leprosy, continues in the house after it has ceased to be the leper's, and the house is disinfected with sulphur.

16. The wicked man leaves no posterity; his whole family perishes with him, and consequently (¹⁷) he not only dies, but is forgotten. For the figure, cp. Am. 2⁹; in ¹⁹ the same statement is made literally. Bu. omits 16: $\mathfrak{G}$ ^{15b.} 16 (^{15a} = ^{19c} $\mathfrak{G}$); but the author of Job is fond of referring to, or drawing figures or using metaphors derived from, plant-life: see 8^{16ff.} 14⁷ 15^{30ff.} 19¹⁰.—*Is cut off*] rather than *droops, withers* (see phil. n. on 14²): since ^b scarcely states the sequence to ^a, there is no force in Di.'s argument that withering and not cutting off is the result of drying up the roots: the purpose of the figure is rather to depict the immediate and simultaneous destruction of branch and root: both perish at once, and from the dried up roots no *fresh* branches (ct. 14⁹) will ever grow.

17. He is forgotten in the cultivated country (cp. Ps. 49¹²) in which his own homestead and fields lay, and over the wide stretch of the steppe country beyond into which he sent his cattle to graze (see phil. n.).

- ¹⁸ He is thrust forth from light into darkness,
And chased out of the world.
¹⁹ He hath neither offspring nor family among his people,
Nor any survivor in the place where he sojourned.
²⁰ At his day they of the east are appalled,
And they of the west lay hold on horror.
²¹ Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous,
And this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

18, 19. V.¹⁸ repeats the idea of ¹⁴, ¹⁹ of ¹⁶.—*From light into darkness*] from the light (³¹⁶) of life (³³³⁰, Ps. 56¹⁴: cp. c. 3²⁰ “light” || to “life”) into the darkness of Sheol (as 10²¹, 17¹³).

19. *Nor any survivor*] from God’s judgment on his house and family.—*The place* (or, rather, *the places*) *where he sojourned*] enjoyed guest-right: the phrase (בְּמוֹרָיו) is expressive: ¹⁵ has already stated that no one of his will remain in his house after him; this v. goes further; no one will escape the judgment and be found casting himself on the hospitality of others (cp. the parallel “among his people”).

20. The whole world is horrified at the wicked man’s fate.—*At his day*] the day of his death and of God’s punishment of him: cp. 1 S. 26¹⁰, Ps. 37¹³, Jer. 50²⁷. **¶** *At him* (עֲלֵימוֹ as 20²³ 27²³, for עַל יוֹמוֹ) is inferior.—*They of the east . . . they of the west*] or, *the later ones . . . the former ones* (see phil. n.); i.e. the wicked man’s contemporaries on earth, and, as the news reaches them in Sheol, those who have predeceased him; so terrible is the death of the wicked that the very shades in Sheol are horrified at it.—*Lay hold on horror*] for the idiom, cp. 21⁶, Is. 13⁸: it is quite unnecessary to forsake **¶** for **¶**, *on them of the west horror lays hold*.

21. The v. clinches the argument implicit in the previous description of the wicked: such a fate and none other awaits the wicked: cp. the conclusion to Šophar’s speech, 20²⁹; ct. the conclusion to Eliphaz’s first speech, which summarizes the preceding description of the man who fears God, and 8¹⁹ where Bildad summarizes, as here, his description of the wicked, but then 8²⁰⁻²² closes on a happier and more hopeful note; Šophar

XIX. ¹ Then Job answered and said,

² How long will ye vex my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?

³ These ten times ye put me to confusion;
Ye are not ashamed that ye deal wrongfully against me.

alone in the first round of speeches closes on a sinister note, 11²⁰; all alike so close their second speeches.

XIX. Job's reply to Bildad's second speech.—How long are the friends to go on wronging Job by false accusations (^{2f.}); Job's calamities are due not to just punishment for sin, but to God's unjust and violent treatment of him (⁴⁻⁷); God's hostility (⁸⁻¹²) has led to the alienation of Job's family and acquaintances (¹³⁻¹⁹) and left him with nothing but bare existence (²⁰)? Cannot his friends pity him? Why do they instead increasingly persecute him (^{21f.})? If only his assertion of innocence might be perpetuated (after his now imminent death) (^{23f.})! It will be; and, moreover, God will vindicate him and show Himself to be on his side (²⁵⁻²⁷); and so the friends will continue their persecution of him at their peril (^{28f.})!

2-6. How long are the friends to go on aggravating Job's sufferings by what they say? They have repeatedly and shamelessly wronged him (³) by suggesting that the cause of his great and extraordinary sufferings lies in his sin; but it does not; on the contrary, the cause of his suffering is that God has turned the scales of justice against him (⁶), so that there has wrongly fallen to him the penalty of great crimes which he had never committed; and thereby God has given a ground, according to the current theory, for an argument against his innocence.

2. *How long*] beginning like Bildad, 18².—*Vex my soul*] by your severe and uncompassionate treatment of me; for the vb., cp. especially Is. 51²³, "I (Yahweh) will put it (the cup of my fury) into the hand of those that *vexed* thee, that said to thy soul, Bow down that we may pass over"; La. 1^{5.12} of the pain caused to Sion by Yahweh's severe punishment of her; 3³² (antithetical to "show compassion"). Not only do his "comforters" not alleviate (16^{4f.}), they positively add to his sufferings (cp. 16²).

⁴ And be it indeed that I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.

3. *These ten times*] *i.e.* these many times: how often! cp. Nu. 14²²; also for ten = many, Gn. 31⁷, Lv. 26²⁶.

4. The exact force of the v. is far from clear. In the first place, does it virtually admit error or (cp. No. 4 below) deny it? Certainly an admission of such error as would deserve what Job now suffers is out of the question. But error is a mild word; cp. "Errors, who can discern" (Ps. 19¹³); the possibility of errors, unknown to himself, weighs upon the conscience of the religiously sensitive man, but these do not account, like great transgressions, for great sufferings. If, then, the v. admits such error (and even sin Job admits elsewhere, 10⁶ n. 13²⁶), it is best taken as meaning: granted that I have sinned, the penalty of that sin no doubt comes home to me, but it affords no ground for you (⁵) to argue from the reproach which my great sufferings cast upon me that I have *greatly* sinned. Richter (אָם נַעַר for אָמַנָם) gives a special turn to the kind of error admitted: If in my youth I erred (cp. 13²⁶, Ps. 25⁷), Is my error (for ever) to abide with me? But the vb. (לָקַח) refers to a recurrent and temporary, rather than to a permanent stay. Other interpretations are: (1) Granted I have erred, my error is my affair, not yours; but this is only possible, and even then unsatisfactory, if the *admission of error* is tantamount to the *denial of great sin*; for if Job has greatly sinned, that is altogether an affair of the friends, being the complete justification of their case against him: moreover, in 6²⁴ Job appealed to the friends to make plain to him what his error was: (2) Granted I have erred, I alone am cognizant (אָתָּה as 12³ 14⁵: cp. 9³⁵ n.) of my errors, *i.e.* my sin is venial, not gross and open, and you, having no real knowledge of it, are charging me with sin without justification (Di.); but, as Hi. pointed out, one of the charges of the friends against Job is precisely what on this hypothesis he admits, viz. that he keeps his sin to himself, making no confession of it; (3) my sin hurts only myself, not you—a parallel to 7²⁰ (Job's sin does not injure God): so Peake; (4), Du.: "Have I indeed erred? With me

- ⁵ If indeed ye magnify yourselves against me,
 And argue against me my reproach ;
⁶ Know then that God hath subverted me (in my cause),
 And hath compassed me about with his net.
⁷ Behold, I cry out, Violence ! but I am not answered :
 I cry for help, but there is no judgment.

doth error (so C) tarry?" the question (expressed by the emotional נא instead of the interrogative particle) of course expecting the answer no. This would be the best explanation if, where the interrogation is so important, the particle could be omitted (G-K. 150a).

5f. An alternative translation of ⁵ is: Will ye indeed magnify yourselves . . . and argue . . . ? cp. *Lex. s.v.* נא , 50b. On the other hand, the translation, If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, then argue (or prove), etc., can scarcely be defended, the impf. with *waw* in the apodosis being abnormal (Dr. § 136). Translated as above, the imperative (וְעַתָּה) without *waw* may be paralleled by 1 S. 20²¹ 21¹⁰ (Dr. 136^βa).

6. God has done what Bildad (8³) and Elihu (34¹²) think impossible: He has perverted justice: Job is ensnared like an innocent beast by a mighty, ruthless hunter.—*Net*] see phil. n.: the word is different from any of those used in 18⁸⁻¹⁰.

7-20. Description of God's severe dealings with Job, both (7-12, a series of figures) generally, and (13-20) in particular by estranging those to whom he might most naturally have turned for comfort and support, so leaving Job abandoned of men and alone.

7. Not Job (16¹⁷), but God is the doer of violence, and Job is His victim; he calls out, to attract the notice of passers-by (Dt. 22²⁴), Violence ! (cp. Jer. 20⁸, Hab. 1²), but none of them respond or give him assistance to secure justice against his assailant.—*I am not answered*] by any man: this is the necessary implication of the pass. in Pr. 21¹³; if the meaning is I am not answered by God (cp. 30²⁰, Hab. 1²), then there is the same double thought of God which has appeared before (16^{19.21} 17³ n.): Against God assailing me I cry out to God passing by—but receive no help.

- 8 My path he hath fenced up that I cannot pass,
 And upon my paths he setteth darkness.
 9 My glory he hath stripped from off me,
 And he hath taken away the crown on my head.
 10 He breaketh me down on every side, and I am gone ;
 And he hath plucked up mine hope like a tree.
 11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me,
 And he counteth me unto him as (one of) his adversaries.
 12 One and all his troops come on,
 And cast up their way against me,
 And encamp round about my tent.
 13 My brethren he hath put far from me,
 And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.
 14 My kinsfolk have failed,
 And my familiar friends have forgotten me.

8. Fresh figures : God prevents Job pursuing his way by setting barriers across it and involving it in darkness : cp. La. 3⁹, and see on 3²³.

9. God has stripped Job bare of the reputation for righteousness which he once enjoyed (29¹⁴) ; bereft of his possessions he is in the estimate of the world a sinner.

10. *Breaketh me down*] The fig. in ^a is of a building : Job's life is in ruins : nor is there any chance of restoration : ^b any hope he might have had is like a tree not merely cut down and still capable of shooting up again (14⁷), but uprooted.

11b. = 13²⁴.

12. God's troops lay siege to Job : military figures are also used in 10¹⁷ 16¹⁴ 30¹².—*Cast up their way*] i.e. create siege works from which to attack the invested fortress.—*My tent*] absent from $\mathfrak{C}$, in which ¹² is a distich.

13. *He hath put far*] $\mathfrak{C}$ *have gone far*, in agreement with the following lines (^{13b-19}), where the vbs. indicate directly the action of Job's friends in avoiding him : so Di.—*Mine acquaintance*] cp. 42¹¹ ; but a very slight change (ידעי for ידעי) gives *they have known it (and)* : so Me. Bi.¹ Bu., thus securing a whole distich for the "brethren," and avoiding the close juxtaposition of ידעי ^{13b} and מידעי ^{14b}.

15 They that sojourn in my house, and my maids, count me for
a stranger :

I am become an alien in their sight.

16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no answer ;
With my mouth must I entreat him.

17 My breath is strange to my wife,
And I am loathsome to the children of my (mother's) womb.

14 f. The division of the lines in *ffl* is probably faulty (see phil. n.) : an alternative division allows the rendering,

My kinsmen and my familiar friends have failed,
They that sojourn in my house have forgotten me ;
And my maids count me for a stranger,
I am become an alien in their sight.

But not improbably the fourth of these lines has suffered transposition and originally was the parallel to the first.

Kinsfolk] Heb. *those that are near*, used of those nearly related: cp. Lv. 21^{2f.}, where the range of the term is exemplified; cp. also Lv. 25²⁵, Nu. 27¹¹, and, in a similar context to the present, Ps. 38¹² (11), "those that are near (of kin) to me stand afar off."—*Failed*] lit. *ceased* (cp. 14⁷), i.e. to treat me as a kinsman or the like. Du. for *have failed and my familiar friends* reads *have ceased to know me*: but see phil. n.—*Familiar friends*] מִיָּדַי as Ps. 31¹² (11) 88⁹ (8) 55¹⁴ (12), 2 K. 10¹¹.

15. *They that sojourn*] those who had sought the protection of Job's house and enjoyed his hospitality—the *ger* (EV. "stranger") of Ex. 20¹⁰.—*Maids*] female slaves.—*A stranger*] or *alien*, properly one who belongs to another family, class, or community (cp. Nu. 1⁵⁷ n.): the tables are now so completely turned that the very persons who owed their places in the household to Job now look upon him as one outside the family.—*Alien*] or *foreigner*.

16. Job's slave, instead of waiting for and immediately responding to the least gesture indicative of his wish (Ps. 123²), does not even obey an express command; and at best now he only responds to humble entreaty and appeal for compassion.

17. The loathsome features of his disease (2⁷ n.) repel Job's nearest and dearest relations—his wife, and those who had

- ¹⁸ Even young children despise me;
 I would arise, and they speak against me!
¹⁹ All the men of my circle abhor me;
 And they whom I loved are turned against me.
²⁰ My bone cleaveth to my skin,
 And I am escaped 'with my flesh in my teeth.'

issued from the same womb as himself.—*The children of my (mother's) womb*] i.e. my uterine brothers (and sisters), a far narrower term than the "brethren" of ¹³: cp. the limiting clause attached to "brother(s)" in Gn. 43²⁹, Jg. 8¹⁹, "My brethren, the sons of my mother." "My womb," meaning "my mother's womb," has already occurred in ³¹⁰. If it were necessary to explain the phrase of *children* (cp. Mic. 6⁷, Ps. 132¹¹) of Job, the passage would probably be in conflict with the Prologue (and also 8⁴ 29⁵: see n.), according to which all Job's children had perished; for the alternative suggestions are unsatisfactory, viz. that the children intended are children of concubines (Ew.), or grandchildren (Hrz.). W. R. Smith (*Kinship and Marriage in Early Arabia*, p. 34) explained the phrase as meaning *clansmen* (*beten*, as in Arabia, meaning *clan*); but this would make ^{17b} more nearly a repetition of ^{13a}.

¹⁸. The young children about his house (see phil. n.), though not, of course, his own children, mock at (cp. 2 K. 2²³) his diseased appearance, or ^b the difficulty with which alone he can rise from the ground.

¹⁹. *The men of my circle*] or confidence (סוד: 15⁸ phil. n.); the men to whom he had been wont to communicate his secrets, or intimate thoughts (cp. Ps. 55¹⁵ (14)).

²⁰. Job is already little better than a skeleton, and his hold on life precarious. With ^a cp. Ps. 102^{6b}, La. 4⁸.—*To my skin*] H + *and to my flesh*; but see phil. n.—*With my flesh in my teeth*] cp. 13¹⁴. H *with the skin of my teeth*: the words have passed into a proverb for nothing, or next to nothing; but, as they are probably the result of an accidental corruption of the text, it is not surprising that the origin and exact meaning of "skin of the teeth" has remained obscure; various theories

²¹ Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends;
For the hand of God hath touched me.

²² Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

are cited and discussed by Di. and Del. Other emendations of the v. are discussed in the phil. n.

21 f. Ruthlessly assailed by God and abandoned by other men, even those nearest him, Job, yearning for some support, appeals to the compassion of the three friends who, unlike others, were at least physically still near him: for the moment all thought of argument is abandoned; he no longer seeks to convince them, or asks them to be just to him; he asks them to be *kind*; he makes his appeal on the two grounds that they were old friends of his and that he is sorely smitten; but the second ground of his appeal is the very reason why the friends cannot be kind in the only sense that will satisfy Job; he wishes them not to continue to hold him guilty of sin, and they, because he is smitten by God, are convinced that he is. The appeal of ²¹, so unlike Job's other addresses to the friends, is abandoned: the friends give no sign of relenting; and in ²², after his usual manner, Job asks them the cause and meaning of their cruel treatment.—*Have pity upon me*] or, *be kind, gracious to me*: cp. the use of the vb. in Dt. 7² 28⁵⁰, Ps. 37²¹. —*Touched*] as 1¹¹ (see n. there) 2⁵.

22. Why, relentless and persistent as God, do they never come to an end of calumniating him by arguing that he has committed great sins?—*Are not satisfied with my flesh*] here the meaning (ct. 31³¹) rests on the use of the phrase "to eat the flesh, or fragments, of a man," in the sense of to calumniate or accuse him; cp. in Aram. Dn. 3⁸ 6²⁵ (24) "to eat the fragments of" (EV. "accuse"); and "the eater of fragments" is the rendering of *ὁ διάβολος* in the Peshitta of the NT.; and in the Qor. (49¹³) Mohammed plays on the two meanings of the phrase, the literal and the metaphorical: "Let not one of you traduce another in his absence. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his brother being dead? Surely ye would loathe it." See further, Schult. on this passage, Ges. *Thes.* 91a.—*Are not*

- ²³ Oh would, then, that my words were written !
 Oh would that they were inscribed in a book !
²⁴ That with an iron pen and lead
 They were for ever graven in the rock.

satisfied with] never come to an end of, never have enough of; cp. Pr. 30^{15f.}

23f. When Job dies, the insatiable hunger of the friends for calumniating him (^{22b}) will continue; and, their accusations being unchallenged, he will pass down to posterity as a great sinner. His first reaction (a second follows in ²⁵) against this thought is a wish: this wish is expressed in ^{23a}, and reinforced with details so arranged as to reach a climax in ^{23b, 24}: would that my words were written (^{23a}), for an abiding testimony, in a book (^{23b}), or even more enduringly and conspicuously in (lead or) rock (²⁴): in that case, to the end of time, the charges brought against his name will, at least, never pass unchallenged; and he, even after death, will continue to defend his integrity.

23. *My words*] not the words that follow in ^{25ff.} (Hi.) (an inscription (²⁴) would start strangely with the conj. (וְנִסְּחָה) at the beginning of ²⁵), nor the exact words of Job's previous speeches in their full extent, but the substance of those speeches, in so far as they maintained his integrity against the accusations (^{22b}) of the friends.—*Inscribed*] Is. 30⁸.—*In a book*] or scroll (31³⁵ n.), where they would continue as an enduring testimony: cp. Is. 30⁸. The term "book" does not necessarily imply extensive contents: it is used, e.g., of a deed of purchase (Jer. 32¹¹), or divorce (Dt. 24¹), or of a letter (2 S. 11¹⁴). Du., *in his* (i.e. God's) *book*, on the ground that Job would not express a *wish* which he could himself most easily satisfy; the suggestion is well criticized by Peake: see also phil. n.

24. It is uncertain whether this v. referred to inscriptions on one, or on two (cp. §V) different materials, though **H** is most naturally taken as referring to but one, and this also seems most effective; in this case the v. has been understood (since Rashi) to refer to engraving with an iron stylus (cp. Jer. 17¹) in the rock, and then, for greater clearness and lastingness, filling in the letters with lead. If two materials are referred to, it

²⁵ But I know that my vindicator liveth,

And that hereafter he will stand up upon the dust.

is best, adopting two slight emendations (see phil. n.), to render, That with an iron stylus on lead, Or for ever in the rock they were graven. The climax is then reached in three stages: let my assertions of innocence be perpetuated *in a written scroll*, or, in what is more enduring, on *lead*(en tablets), or, in what is more enduring still, immovable also, and so free from risk of being lost, and conspicuous too—in *the rock*. Is the poet thinking of inscriptions cut in the rocks over tombs? Inscribed leaden tablets were much used in antiquity (Paus. ix. 31⁴; Pliny, *H.N.* 13. 669), especially for imprecations (cp. Tac. *Ann.* ii. 69, “nomen Germanici plumbeis tabulis insculptum”), and many such tablets have been discovered, including one containing a Phœnician inscription from Carthage of about the 3rd or 2nd cent. B.C.; see Wünsch, *Defixionum tabellæ Atticæ* (cp. Bliss, Macalister, and Wünsch, *Excavations in Palestine*, pp. 185-187; Cooke, *NSI*, No. 50, and the literature there cited).

25. But to the first (^{23f.}) there now succeeds a second reaction to the thought (²²) that his character after death will be undefended against the accusations which will still continue. This second reaction takes the form not, like the first, of a wish, but of a conviction under great emotional excitement (cp. ²⁷). For the moment, at least, Job is convinced that there is to be some better defence of his character than his own assertions recorded in writing for ever; not the indelible letters of a dead man, but a living person will defend and vindicate his character: none other than the living God Himself will at last free his name from reproach. In another remarkable respect the second appears to pass beyond the first thought, though corruption and obscurity of the text leave this point more ambiguous than could have been desired. In ^{23f.} Job is, relatively, satisfied to die, if he can be sure that as in life, so after death the accusations against him will not pass unchallenged; the written record made before his death will endure afterwards—a perpetual challenge. After death, as in life, Job will thus maintain

his own integrity. But the second thought is that his integrity will be maintained not merely by himself, but established by another, and that other God: in other words, a great change will occur after death: and of this change Job, even in death, will become conscious (vv. ^{26, 27a}); in life, right up to death, God has seemed to himself as to his friends against him; but when He vindicates Job, He will thereby range Himself on Job's side; and this change Job will see: his eyes will behold God on his side at last. Even if, as on the whole (in spite of ^{14^{14ff.}}) seems best, we thus interpret, there is still no belief here in a *continued* life of blessedness after death in which compensation in kind will be made for the inequalities of this life; the movement in the direction of a belief in a future which is here found is rather in response to the conviction that communion with God is real; in a moment after death it will be given to Job to know that he was not deluded in maintaining his integrity, and that he had not really forfeited the confidence of God. An alternative theory of these verses (Bu. Kautzsch) makes Job expect the vision of God (²⁶) this side of death; and, so far as the difficult and in part corrupt lines (^{25b, 26a, b}) are concerned, there would be much to be said for interpreting the obscurities and ambiguities of the text towards this less startling conclusion; but the theory does not appear to give due weight to the fact that in ^{23f.} (as also in ^{16^{18f.}}) Job clearly expects to die *before* his character is cleared, and that no transition to the contrary thought, that he will only die *after* that has taken place, is to be discovered in ²⁵; on the other hand, the stress laid on the fact that the *vindicator* lives can be most naturally, if not only, explained as due to the implicit antithesis that Job will die. The other thought would naturally have been expressed in some such form as: I know that I shall live, and that I shall yet see God upon the earth (cp. Ps. ^{42⁶⁽⁵⁾}, Is. ^{38¹¹}) and on my side; and if this actually was the thought of the writer, it would be best to regard the word "liveth" as an intrusion into the text: but for this there is no sufficient reason (see phil. n.) Bruston (*Revue de théologie et des questions religieuses*, 1900, 244; *ZATW*, 1906, 143-146) understands Job to be describing a present vision of God vindicating him in the

future, when he is dead and no longer conscious. The obscure renderings of עֵי (understood by Clement of Rome (*Cor.* 20.) and Origen (on Mt. 17²⁹: *P.G.* xiii. 1566) of the resurrection, but otherwise by most scholars of the Eastern Church from Chrysostom downwards) שֶׁט do not justify the conclusion that the translators detected a reference to experience after death: on the other hand, וְי (hence AV.), with all clearness, does so and even introduces the idea of the resurrection *of the body* (cp. Aug. *De Civ. Dei*, xxii. 29). On the history of the interpretation of the passage, see Speer, *Zur Exegese von Hiob 19*²⁵⁻²⁷, in *ZATW*, 1905, pp. 47-140 (with references to earlier discussions, p. 49).—*My vindicator*] The one who will vindicate me, establish my character; cp. “My witness,” “He that voucheth for me,” 16¹⁹. The Hebrew term *goel* (cp. 3⁵ n.) may, by itself, without the addition of הָרֵם , denote “the avenger of blood,” and has sometimes been understood in this special sense here (cp. 16^{18ff.}); but the thought of murder is not suggested here, and the *goel* had many other functions besides that of securing an equivalent for blood slain; he had to vindicate various claims and rights (cp. *e.g.* Lv. 25²⁵). With the present usage, cp. especially Pr. 23¹¹: Do not oppress widows and orphans, “for their vindicator (*i.e.* God) is mighty, He will plead their cause against thee”: also Ps. 119¹⁵⁴.—*Liveth*] *i.e.* implicitly, for ever (cp. the phrase “the living God”): not something written for ever (²⁴), but a person who lives for ever will for ever vindicate Job.—*Hereafter*] lit. *as one (coming) after* (or, *at the last*); see phil. n. The particular nuance given to the phrase differs according to the view taken of the passage as a whole; by itself it might equally well mean *as one coming after* (I am dead); cp. Ec. 4¹⁶; or, *as one who comes last* and says the last word—and that in Job’s favour—in the dispute (Bu.). The line would read more easily if, instead of this phrase, there was a parallel to “my vindicator,” such as “my afterman” (but see phil. n.).—*Stand up*] or *rise up*, as witness (cp. *e.g.* Dt. 19^{15f.}, Ps. 27¹²), or judge (31¹⁴, Ps. 76¹⁰ 94¹⁶, Is. 2¹⁹ of God). On other interpretations and emendations, see phil. n.—*Upon the dust*] perhaps, of Job’s grave; cp. 7²¹ 17¹⁶ 20¹¹ 21^{26?} (also, more remotely, 10⁹ 34¹⁵, Ps. 104²⁹); though it is true, as Bu.

26 And

And away from my flesh I shall behold God.

27 Whom I shall behold (to be) on my side,

And mine eyes shall see (to be) unestranged.

My reins fail with longing within me.

urges, that in these passages, as in others (Ps. 7⁶ 22^{16, 30}, Is. 26¹⁹, Dn. 12²), the reference to the grave is much more clearly indicated than here. The alternative is to give the phrase the meaning "upon the earth": cp. especially 41²⁵ (33), also 5⁶ (|| "ground") 14⁸ 39¹⁴ (|| "earth"): cp. also 8¹⁹ 22²⁴ 27¹⁶ 28² 30⁶ 40¹³. If the implication is "upon the earth," there is a tacit advance on 16¹⁹: there Job thinks of God his witness as in heaven; ultimately in the judgment of God he is innocent; here he is convinced that God will manifest his innocence to those on earth who have levelled accusations against him; for another tacit antithesis between "dust" and "heaven," see 4¹⁹ (after 18). We. (see phil. n.) renders *against dust*, i.e. Job's friends and accusers; Bruston (ZATW, 1906, 144), *on behalf of dust*, i.e. of Job, who is soon to become dust; but though man may be said to be dust (Gn. 3¹⁹, Ps. 103¹⁴), that particular individuals should be *referred to* simply as dust is unlikely.

26. Line ^a is altogether obscure and uncertain: see phil. nn. Unfortunately ^a being obscure, the phrase in ^b rendered above, *away from my flesh*, i.e. after death, is ambiguous; in itself it may equally well mean *from my flesh*, i.e. in life: on the reasons derived from the wider context in favour of the former, see on 25.—*I shall behold God*] cp. Ps. 117 "the upright behold God," Ps. 17¹⁵; Job thus, even in this phrase, implies his conviction that he will see God recognizing his integrity, and reconciled to him; but this thought is developed and more explicitly stated in the next distich.

27. In the vision Job will see that God is no longer, like men (13, 15), and as He Himself now seems, estranged, but ranged on his side.—*I*] emphatic—I, "of whom this might be deemed incredible" (Dr. Di.).—*On my side*] ¹, as in Gn. 31⁴², Ps. 56¹⁰ (9) 118⁶.—*Mine eyes shall see*] 42⁵.—(*To be*) *unestranged*]

²⁸ If ye say, "How will we persecute him!

Seeing that the root of the matter is found in 'him'";

or (to be) not a stranger (¹⁵ n.). The grammatically possible alternative rendering of the line, *And mine eyes and not (those of) a stranger, shall see*, is far less probable; no doubt Job alone might see God while others present at the time only *hear* Job's vindication or see some accompaniment of the vision (cp. 2 K. 2; Du.; add Acts 9⁷); but Job is not at this moment interested in what will not happen to some one else, but in what will happen to himself, and in particular the aspect under which he will see God—God once more his friend. Moreover, what Job longs for is not the mere outward sight of a material manifestation, but direct inward vision or experience of God's attitude towards him: cp. n. on 42⁵.

27c. The thought of the vision fills Job with deep emotion, and longing to see it realized.—*Reins*] in Hebrew psychology the seat of intense feeling: cp. Ps. 16⁷, Pr. 23¹⁶.—*Fail with longing*] the vb. *to fail* (בלה) with the same meaning as in Ps. 84³⁽²⁾ 119⁸¹ (predicated of the soul), 69⁴⁽³⁾ 119^{82c, 123}.—*Within me*] not the usual phrase (בקרבי), but lit. *in my bosom*: cp., perhaps, Ec. 7⁹ and c. 23¹² (emended). King (*J.Th.S.* xv. 76ff.) to avoid "my reins . . . in my bosom" would render the line, "I am fully determined in my bosom," or "I fully trust in my bosom" (cp. V); but this is hazardous. Possibly, however, the line, an isolated stichos, is corrupt.

28f. A closing warning for the friends: if they persist in persecuting (^{28a}: cp. ²²) him on the ground that the sufferings of Job, the root of the matter at issue (רבר, as Ex. 18¹⁶) and under discussion, are due to sin in Job, let them beware lest they themselves become the victims of the sword (Dt. 32⁴¹) of divine justice.—b. *Him*] *in me*: see phil. n. Adopting this emendation we might alternatively render the line, *And find the root of the matter in him*; but the order of the words does not favour this; and if the point were that the friends will push their scrutiny into Job's case till they detect the hidden mischief that lurks within him (Peake), a stronger vb. than "find," such as "search out," would be used.

²⁹ Be ye afraid of the sword :

For 'such things' are iniquities meet for the sword,

That ye may know there *is* a judge.

XX. ¹ Then answered Šophar the Na'amathite, and said,

² Therefore my thoughts 'disturb' me,

And by reason of 'this' my haste is within me.

³ The correction which putteth me to confusion must I
hear,

But out of my understanding a spirit answereth me.

29. Lines ^{b. c.} are more or less corrupt; for alternative emendations, see phil. n.—*Such things*] **ח** *wrath*.—*A judge*] **פ** *judgment*.

XX. Šophar's second speech.—Provoked by Job's foolish words (^{2f.}), Šophar asks, though exceptionally (see 4² n.) the speech does not *begin* with the question, whether Job is unaware (implying by the question that, of course, Job cannot be unaware) of the fact, old as history (⁴), that the wicked, if they are exalted for a brief space (^{5f.}), perish ignobly (⁷), and utterly vanish (^{8f.}), and their children are reduced to want (^{9f.}). All in their life that promised well is turned to bitterness (¹¹⁻¹⁸); they are forced to disgorge their unjustly and cruelly gained wealth (¹⁹⁻²²); for God punishes them (²³), and if they escape one disaster, it is but to succumb to another (²⁴⁻²⁶). Heaven and earth turn witness against them (²⁷), and they lose all (²⁸): such is the fate of the wicked (²⁹).

2. *Disturb*] **ח** *answer*: see phil. n.—**b.** **ח** *and by reason of my haste within me*; see phil. n.—*Haste*] or, perhaps, *emotion*. The rebukes administered and advice offered by Job (e.g. 19^{2f.} 23^{f.}), which are an affront (^{3a}) to Šophar, call forth the present impetuous or passionate reply.

3. *The correction which, etc.*] מוסר כלמתי cp. מ' שלומנו, "the correction which led to our peace," Is. 53⁵).—*Which putteth me to confusion*] a retort to Job's complaint, 19³.—**b.** A bad parallel to ^a, and scarcely intelligible: but see phil. n. Slightly emended, the line gives excellent parallelism and sense: And with wind void of understanding thou answerest me: cp. 8² (Bildad), 15² (Eliphaz).

- ⁴ Dost thou know this (as being) from of old,
 Since man was placed upon the earth,
⁵ That the triumphing of the wicked is short,
 And the joy of the godless but for a moment?
⁶ Though his loftiness mount up to the heavens,
 And his head reach unto the clouds;
⁷ Like his (own) dung he perisheth for ever:
 They who have seen him say, Where is he?
⁸ He flieth away as a dream, and is not found;
 And he is chased away as a vision of the night.
⁹ The eye which saw him seeth him no more;
 Neither doth his place any more behold him.
¹⁰ His children court the favour of the poor,
 And his hands give back his wealth.

4b. Cp. Dt. 4³².

5. *The triumphing*] i.e. the exultant joyous shout (רננה, as 3⁷, Ps. 100² 63⁶).

6. Cp. Is. 14¹³.

7a. *Like his own dung*] completely (cp. ^b 1 K. 14¹⁰, 2 K. 9³⁷) and shamefully. But the unnecessary suffix, though not the coarseness of the figure (for cp. ¹⁵, though scarcely 11¹², which Di. also quotes), may throw doubt on the correctness of the text or translation. *Like a whirlwind*; Ew. *like his majesty* (Ar. *jalâl*); Che. (*ET.* x. 382) *like his glory* (כבוד); King (*J.Th.S.* xv. 39), *while he is confiding* (בנלל, a vb. : cp. Ps. 22^{9(s)} 37⁵, Pr. 16³; but these passages do not justify giving to נלל (lit. *to roll*) used absolutely the sense *to confide*).—*Where is he*] cp. 14¹⁰.

8. For the figures, cp. Is. 29⁷, Ps. 73²⁰.

9. Line ^a closely resembles 7^{8a} (Job), Ps. 103^{16b}, ^b 7^{10b}. Cp. also 8¹⁸ (Bildad).

10a. Or, The poor oppress his children; or, His children are crushed into poor ones: see phil. n. In any case, the meaning is that his children are, or suffer as, the poorest of the poor (cp. 5⁴ Eliphaz). Coming after ⁹ it would be easy to understand ^{10a} of the impoverishment of the children after the wicked man's death; but in that case ^b also should refer to

- ¹¹ His bones are full of his youth,
 But it will lie down with him in the dust.
¹² Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
 Though he hide it under his tongue ;
¹³ Though he spare it, and do not let it go,
 But keep it still within his palate ;
¹⁴ (Yet) his food in his bowels is turned ;
 The gall of cobras is within him.
¹⁵ He swalloweth down riches, and vomiteth them up again ;
 Out of his belly God doth cast them.
¹⁶ The poison of cobras he sucketh,
 The viper's tongue doth slay him.

the children, and *their hands* should be read (see phil. n.). Alternatively ¹⁰ may, as ¹¹ certainly does, return to the lifetime of the wicked man ; even in his lifetime his children (like himself ^b ¹⁵) are reduced to beggary.

II. The wicked man dies in the full bloom and vigour of youth—before he has lived even half the allotted span of human life (Ps. 55²⁴).—*Of his youth*] AV. follows **U** in gratuitously prefixing *the sins*.—*The dust*] *i.e.* the grave: cp. 19²⁵ n.

12-14.—Wickedness is compared to a dainty morsel (^{12a}. ^{14a}) which is kept in the mouth as long as possible (^{12b}) that full enjoyment may be had from the taste of it (¹³), but which, when it passes into the system, proves poisonous (¹⁴).

15. A different and coarser (cp. v.⁷ n., also Jer. 51⁴⁴) figure derived from eating: the wicked man, in his haste to be rich, gluttonously loads his belly with riches, but God administers an emetic, and he has to part with them again. It is curious that some should connect ¹⁵ closely with ¹⁴ as continuing the same figure; in helping the wicked to part with what had become poisonous, God would be mitigating the punishment, and this is certainly not Šophar's thought.

16. The v. may have been a marginal parallel to ^{14b} (so Bu.). ^b is, of course, physiologically incorrect; but the darting tongue of the serpent naturally suggested itself as the instrument of death.

- 17 Let him not look upon the channels of 'oil',
The streams of honey and curdled milk.
- 18 Restoring that which he laboured for, he swalloweth it
not down;
According to the gains of his exchange he rejoiceth not!
- 19 For he hath oppressed (and) forsaken the poor,
He seizeth violently a house, but doth not build it up.
- 20 Because he knew no quietness in his belly,
He will not escape with his valued possessions.
- 21 Nothing escaped his greed;
Therefore his prosperity endureth not.
- 22 In the fullness of his sufficiency he is in straits;
The hand of every one that is in misery cometh upon
him.

17. *Let him not*] or, *Never can he . . .!* see phil. n.—*Look upon*] with delight and enjoy the sight of: cp. 33²⁸, Ps. 106⁵ etc.—*Oil*] see phil. n.—*Curdled milk*] a form in which milk was, and, in Syria, still is, specially enjoyed: see n. on Is. 7¹⁵ (*Isaiah*, p. 129).

18. He cannot retain, or take pleasure corresponding to, his riches. The inconsistency with ¹⁵ need not be pressed.

19-21. The greedy man acquires and consumes remorselessly (^{19a}) and greedily (^{20a}, ^{21a}); therefore he is not allowed to retain and enjoy his acquisitions.

19. *For*] or rather, if the v. be left unemended, *because*, as in ^{20a}; in all three distichs the first line gives the cause of the moral consequence described in the second line, the cause being formally indicated in ¹⁹, ²⁰, the consequence in ²¹. Possibly, however, this similarity did not exist in the original text (see phil. nn.): in that case *for* may here give the reason for ¹⁸: and ^b (And violently seized a house which he had not built) a second illustration of his violent conduct.—*Build up*] enjoy the possession of: cp. ^{20b}, ^{21b} and see last n.

20. *Because*] Gr om.; Du., following Gr, renders ^a, He hath no quietness in his treasure—^a, then, gives not the cause of ^b, but is a parallel statement.

22b. Cp. 5⁵.

²³ His belly must be filled !

(God) sendeth forth the heat of his anger upon him,
And raineth it upon him as his 'bread'.

²⁴ He may flee from the iron weapon,

(But) the bow of bronze will strike him through ;

²⁵ He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of 'his' back ;

And the glittering point out of his gall.

Terrors 'are turned' upon him ;

²⁶ All darkness is laid up for his treasures.

23a. *Be filled*] "not with the food he loved, but with the rain of Divine judgments" (Ps. 11⁶)—Dr. But the line is probably a gloss or a fragment (see phil. n.), though Bu., if one line must be omitted, would omit ^b, which is literal, between two lines that are figurative.—*As his bread*] *¶* into his *flesh* ; ^c is in general, and was originally, perhaps, more closely, parallel to ^b ; on the interpretation and proposed emendations, see phil. n.

24. The doom of the wicked is certain : if he escape one form of Divine judgment, it is only to fall a victim to another (cp. Am. 5¹⁹ 9^{b-4}). Such is the point of the v., if the text of ^a in *¶* is correct ; but since *weapon* (נֶשֶׁךְ) is elsewhere a general term (39²¹, 2 K. 10², Ps. 140³, and, probably, even Ezk. 39^{9f.}), and collective, it should include bows ; in that case the antithesis would be reduced, unsatisfactorily, to *iron* and *bronze*. Possibly in the original text, ^a was synonymous with ^b (cp. *¶*), not antithetical. In itself ^a certainly does not suggest weapons used at close quarters in contrast to arrows that hit at a distance (Del. Di. al.).—*Bow of bronze*] Ps. 18³⁵ : fig. for arrows shot from a powerful bow.

25. Lines ^{a, b} continue ²⁴ ; the *glittering point* of the arrow has pierced his vitals (^b) (cp. 16¹³), before the smitten man can extract it (^a). For the rest, owing to corruption of the text, the figure of the v. is blurred ; and it must remain uncertain whether the arrow was pictured as piercing the man *in front*, and so passing right through him (*¶*), or as piercing him *in the back* as he flees (^{24a} *¶*).

25c, 26a are best taken as independent, neither continuing

A fire not blown (by man) devoureth him;
It feedeth on that which is left in his tent.

27 The heavens reveal his iniquity,
And the earth riseth up against him.

28 The increase of his house goeth into exile,
As things swept away in the day of wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,
And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

the fig. of ²⁴, ^{25a, b}, nor beginning that of ^{26b, c}. On the other hand, the distich is anything but a necessary conclusion to ²³, and ²⁴, ^{25a, b} need not be considered out of place (Du.). If it were necessary to find a continuation of ²³, it would be better found in ^{26b, c}. The text is again very uncertain: on ^{25c}, see phil. n. It is strange that in ^{26a} the calamity destined for *his treasures* (צפוניו), unless indeed this should be taken personally for *his treasured ones* as in Ps. 83⁴, should be expressed figuratively by saying that darkness is *laid up* (lit. *hidden*) for them: for treasures are hidden things (³²¹), and darkness suggests security rather than peril for these. A personal term of some kind is required: Me. *for his offspring* (צפוניו: cp. ז), Du. *for him* (ל: cp. ט).

26b, c. A fresh fig.: lightning (see phil. n. and cp. 1¹⁶ 15³⁴ n.) strikes him dead, and destroys what has survived (18¹⁹, phil. n.) previous disasters. That the "fire" is fever is improbable.

27. "Heaven and earth combine to testify to his guilt (viz. by the judgments which they conspire to send against him)" — Dr. A reference to 16^{18ff.} 19^{25ff.} (Bu.) is far from certain.

28. A return to the judgments after ²⁷ is not very satisfactory; and ²⁷ and ²⁸ may have become accidentally transposed—an accident which would have been facilitated by the similar beginning (ל) of the first lines of the two distichs.—*Goeth into exile*] similarly Is. 24¹¹, Hos. 10⁵; but ל (pointed ל) may also mean *rolleth away* (like a stream): on this and the questionable text of ^b see phil. n.

29. Cp. 18²¹ (for the form of conclusion), 27¹³ (for the contents of the v.: also 31²).

XXI. ¹ Then Job answered and said,

² Hear diligently my speech ;

And let this be your consolation.

³ Suffer me, and *I* will speak,

And after that I have spoken, mock on.

XXI. Job's reply to Şophar's second speech.—Vv. ² ⁶ introductory ; ⁷⁻¹³ the facts are not as Şophar represents ; on the contrary, the wicked actually live even to old age, enjoying all manner of prosperity. Why ? For (^{14l.}) they are even openly defiant of God. No doubt it *sometimes* happens that calamity befalls the wicked ; but how often (^{17l.}) ? Perhaps, too, God punishes the children of the wicked after the fathers are dead ; but that does not affect the wicked themselves (¹⁹⁻²¹). For, once life is over, one who has enjoyed prosperity up to the end is no worse off than one who has lived miserably ; difference of fortune belongs to life only ; the dead share all a common fate (²³⁻²⁶). Not only are the friends wrong as to facts, but wrong also in their inference that because Job's house has been destroyed, Job is wicked (^{27l.}). It is in those that escape calamity that wickedness might more safely be suspected ; but men are afraid to accuse powerful sinners, however patent their sins ; they rather cringe before them in their lifetime, and honour them in death (²⁹⁻³³).

The emphasis in this speech lies not on Job's suffering in spite of his righteousness, but on the appalling (^{5l.}) fact that men prosper in spite of being wicked—an appalling fact since it seems to reflect on God (⁴) ; cp. Jer. 12¹⁻³, Ps. 73²⁻¹².

2. The speeches of the friends gave Job no comfort (³⁴ 16² : cp. 15¹¹) ; but their attention, if they will give it, as he propounds this dark riddle of God's conduct, he will accept as such.—[*Your consolation*] ct. "the consolations of God," 15¹¹ n.

3. After he has spoken, they may, if they can or will, continue to mock.—[*Mock on*] in **H** (not **Gr**) the vb. is sing. as addressed to Şophar alone : cp. 16³ 26² (n.) ; Bu. thinks the sing. original, and the correct reply to 20² where Şophar alone speaks for the friends ; but it is difficult to see how 20² could have been in the first pl.

- 4 As for me, is my complaint of man?
 And why should I not be impatient?
 5 Mark me, and be astonished,
 And lay (your) hand upon (your) mouth;
 6 Even when I remember I am dismayed,
 And horror taketh hold on my flesh.
 7 Wherefore do the wicked live,
 Become old, yea, wax mighty in power?
 8 Their seed is established with them,
 And their offspring before their eyes.
 9 Their houses are safe from fear,
 Neither is the rod of God upon them.
 10 Their bull gendereth, and showeth no loathing;
 Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

4. Not of men, and therefore not of you, but of God I complain, whose ways with men give me good reason to be impatient. — *Complaint*] 7¹¹ (phil. n.) 13 9²⁷ 10¹ 23². — *Impatient*] 6¹¹ n.

5f. If the friends will lend Job their attention as he expounds his theme, viz., the anomalies of God's moral government and His preferential treatment of the wicked, they will be astounded, as Job himself (⁶) is already, to find (^{7f.}) that God suffers the wicked to prosper. — *Mark me*] lit. *turn to me*, i.e. attentively: the two imperatives form a virtually hypothetical sentence. — *Lay hand upon mouth*] in awe-struck silence: 40⁴, Mic. 7¹⁶.

7. Ct. 20⁵ and, with 8. 11 20¹⁰ (Şophar); also 18^{5ff.} 19 (Bildad), 15^{20ff.} 33^{f.} (Eliphaz).

8. The wicked continue to have their children as they grow old (⁷), their children's children also, about them, and to enjoy the sight of them; they are spared the cruel bereavements which had been multiplied for Job. At present the reference to the children is broken off by ^{9f.} and resumed in 11: Bi. Du. place ⁸ after 10, — the best and simplest transposition: Me. rearranged vv. 7-11 in the order 7. 8. 11. 10. 9.

9. *Safe from fear*] prosperous (5²⁴), with no fear of unwelcome change. — b. Another contrast to Job's lot: see 9³⁴.

10. No accident hinders the increase of their herd. — *Their*]

- ¹¹ They send forth their young ones like a flock,
And their children dance.
¹² They sing to the timbrel and harp,
And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
¹³ They 'end' their days in prosperity,
And in a moment go down to Sheol.

so **U**: **H** *his*, and so in ^b in reference to the individual wicked man: cp. ^{19ff.}—*Showeth no loathing*] or *causeth not* (the cow) *to loathe* (see phil. n.).

II. Their children are as free from care as small cattle let loose on the pastures.—*They send forth their young ones*] so **𐤁𐤏𐤃** (**𐤁𐤏𐤃**); better, because a closer parallel to the intrans. vb. in ^b, *their young ones are sent forth*, or *let loose* (**𐤁𐤏𐤃**, Σ *προβάλλονται*, *egrediuntur*). For this idea expressed by the vb. cp. Is. 32²⁰.—*Like a flock*] as little here as in Ps. 114^{4,6} is the point of comparison the *number* of the flock (Du. Bu. Peake); the point, as in ^b, is the careless, joyous freedom of the children.—*Dance*] cp. Ps. 114^{4,6}—there of animals skipping about in terror at the storm (cp. Ps. 29⁶), here of the dance of joy (cp. Ec. 3⁴). The line is short, and has possibly lost the clause *like rams* (cp. Ps. 114⁴), parallel to *like a flock*; if not, the comparison is implicit.

12-13. The wicked live a merry life (¹²), and die an easy death (¹³). The instruments mentioned in ¹² are (1) the *timbrel*, i.e. the tambourine—an instrument of percussion; (2) the *harp* or *lyre* (see Dr. Amos, p. 236 f.)—in any case a stringed instrument; and (3) the *pipe* (bag-pipe) or *flute* (**𐤏**), or *Pan's pipe* (**𐤏**)—in any case the term (**𐤏**, 30³¹, Gn. 4²¹, Ps. 150⁴¹) probably denotes a wind instrument rather than another stringed instrument (**𐤏** in Gn. 4²¹): see, further, *EBi. s.v. Music*. (1) and (2) are mentioned together as used for joyous music in Gn. 31²⁷, Is. 24⁸, and (together with other instruments) Is. 5¹².

13. *End*] **H** lit. *wear out*; but see phil. n.—*In a moment*] and therefore painlessly, not, like Job, lingeringly and painfully; or *in tranquillity*, see phil. n.

14 f. All these tokens of God's favour are shown to the

- ¹⁴ Yet they said unto God, "Depart from us,
For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.
¹⁵ What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?
And what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?"
¹⁶ Lo, 'is' not their prosperity in their hand?
(The counsel of the wicked is far from me.)

wicked (⁷⁻¹³), in spite of the fact that they had treated God with disdain, and lived regardless of Him.

15. If men prosper, though they disregard God, they naturally and cheerfully conclude that nothing is to be gained by regarding Him; the same conclusion is uttered in despair at the sight of the prosperous wicked by impatient "servants" of God in Mal. ³¹⁴ ²¹⁷.

16. On the text of ^a followed in the translation, see below: **℣** reads: Lo, their prosperity is not in their hand. Line ^b recurs in ²²^{18b}, and possibly ^a and ²²^{18a} are merely variants, as Du. suggests, who considers the v. in place here and out of place there. On the other hand, Bu. suspects ^b of having here extruded a more exact parallel to ^a. The line is rhythmically more in place in ²²¹⁸ (see phil. n.), if the text there is correct.

"The v. has been very differently understood: (1) taking the words [in **℣**] as Job's own: their prosperity is not in their own hands to retain (but is secured to them by God): so Di. Del.; (2) expressing the same sense by a change of text: (a) **℣** Me. Be. (omitting **אֵל**), Behold, their prosperity is in their hands (*i.e.* secure); (b) Be. (alt.) **אֵלָא** for **אֵל** **לֵהֶן**, Du. **אֵלָא** **לֵהֶן**, (Behold,) is not their prosperity in their hands (*i.e.* secure)?—Du. continuing, (Is not) the counsel of the wicked far from Him (**מִסִּטְוֹ**)? viz. from God (who does not concern Himself with their projects: **℣** *ἐργα δὲ ἀσεβῶν οὐκ ἐφορᾷ*); (3) making the words an *objection*, quoted by Job: their prosperity is not in their own hands to retain (but may be lost by them at any moment); so R^Vm. (prefixing, *Ye say*), Schl. Kamph. Hi. Bu. (1) cannot be said to give a natural sense to the Heb. words of ^a: if that sense is thought to be required, it is better to change the text (2 a or b); and though the omission seems violent, it is, of course, possible that a scribe, finding it said that the prosperity of the wicked was in their own hands, inserted **אֵל**, regardless of the context, to make the statement more orthodox. (3) gives an excellent sense, but there is nothing in the text to indicate that the words are not Job's own: however, the same objection might be raised on ^{19a} (cp. ²⁴¹⁸), where the words [in **℣**] are certainly not Job's. ^b will be a protestation,—whether in Job's mouth or in that of the objector,—that the speaker does not suffer himself to be led into sin by the sight of the prosperity of the un-

¹⁷ How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out?

That their calamity cometh upon them?

That cords 'seize them' in his anger?

¹⁸ That they are as stubble before the wind,

And as chaff that the whirlwind carrieth away?

¹⁹ (Ye say), "God layeth up his iniquity for his children."

Let him recompense it unto himself, that he may know it!

godly: it would be more forcible and pointed in Job's mouth (who believes in their prosperity: above, 1 and 2) than in the objector's mouth (who realizes that it is precarious: above, 3).—Dr.

17 f. Sometimes, no doubt, calamity befalls the wicked, and they perish by an untimely fate: yet not as the friends maintain regularly, but only exceptionally. With ^{17a. b} cp. 18^{5a. 12b} (Bildad), with ^c 18¹⁰⁻¹², with ^{18a} Ps. 1⁴, and with ^{18b} 27²⁰ (? Šophar).—*Cords seize them*] *Th* cords, or less probably *pains* (properly *birth-pains*) or *portions*, *He distributes*: see phil. n.

19. In ^a Job is either citing from the friends (cp. on ¹⁶), in order to reject it in what follows, a plea that the wicked are punished in the sufferings of their children; or, if we read (see phil. n.), *Let not (God) lay up*, etc., he is already in ^a rejecting such a plea. In any case, in ^{19b. 20. 21} he goes on to urge that punishment inflicted on a wicked man's children when the man is dead is no justification of God's government; for, since once dead the man is beyond suffering in his own person, and also beyond knowing that his children suffer, he, the guilty, entirely escapes, they, the innocent, suffer: the plea, therefore, after all in no way assists the case of the friends, but rather supports Job's position, for it really states a particular illustration of what Job is all along maintaining to be the general rule in life, viz. that the innocent suffer, the guilty prosper. The friends, it is true, have nowhere expressly urged that the children suffer *instead of* the guilty fathers; in 5⁴ (Eliphaz) 20¹⁰ (Šophar) the suffering of their children is rather an additional element in the punishment of the wicked. But Job has just previously challenged the main thesis of the friends, that the wicked are themselves *regularly* overtaken by calamity: what in effect

- ²⁰ Let his own eyes see his 'calamity',
 And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty!
²¹ For what interest hath he in his house after him,
 When the number of his months is finished?
²² Will any teach God knowledge,
 Seeing *he* judgeth those that are on high?

he does here, if in ^{19a} he is citing their plea, is to argue that if, as a fact, the wicked themselves generally (cp. ^{17f.}) escape punishment, it is irrelevant whether as a matter of fact after their death their children suffer or do not. With this criticism of the principle that on account of the solidarity of the class or family innocent members of it are legitimate objects of punishment due to guilty members (which led to such applications of the blood feud as are illustrated in 2 S. 21 and such sanctions of law as that in Ex. 20⁶), cp. Ezk. 18^{2ff.}, Jer. 31^{29f.}.—*That he may know it*] experience, feel it: cp. Is. 9¹, Hos. 9⁷, Ezk. 25¹⁴.

²⁰. $\mathfrak{H}$ unsuitably *craft*: "destruction" (EV) is merely a conjectural and wrong translation of $\mathfrak{H}$.—*Drink*] a piquant figure for feel the effects of: see, e.g., Is. 51¹⁷.

²¹. *Interest*] יִתְרָן as 22³. He can have no interest in what goes on in his old home, for being dead he knows nothing about it (14^{21f.}: cp. Ec. 9^{5f.}). Quite improbable is the view (Ew. Del.) that the meaning is: During his lifetime the wicked has no interest in what will go on in his home after he is dead.

²². Can any mortal, will you in particular whom I am addressing, instruct *God* (cp. Is. 40¹⁴)? Such a notion is absurd. He has the knowledge to judge (cp. 22¹³) the inhabitants of heaven (cp. 25² 4¹⁸ 15¹⁵), *à fortiori* He knows all about earth and how to govern men. Such is the most natural interpretation of the v. taken by itself: the difficulty is to relate it satisfactorily to its present position. Job is commonly understood to be suggesting that the friends speak and act as though they could teach God: so, e.g., Da., "By insisting on a doctrine of providence which did not correspond to God's providence as actually seen in facts, Job's friends

23 One dieth in his very completeness,
Being wholly at ease and quiet :

24 His pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moistened.

were making themselves wiser than God and becoming His teachers." But the friends accept their reading of the facts of life without question; they never suggest that those facts could be better or ought to be other than they are: Job, it is true, urges that the friends describe God's action incorrectly (cp. ^{27ff.} 24); but incorrect or even dishonest description of what a person does do cannot naturally be regarded as teaching that person what he should do. On the other hand, Job, who arraigns God's actions and suggests that the facts of life might and ought to be other than they are, might not unnaturally be asked this question. Accordingly others (*e.g.* Hi.) have seen in v. ²² a charge against Job cited (cp. ^{16.} 17) from the friends. Unfortunately this suggestion also breaks down, for in what follows Job makes no reply to the charge (ct. ^{17f.} 19^b-21). It is possible to translate ^a differently: Will any for (cp. 13⁷) God teach knowledge? So Ehrlich, who understands the v. to mean, can any man on behalf of God explain such facts of earthly life as are described in ²³⁻²⁷: God cannot Himself give the explanation, being so occupied with the affairs of heaven as not to notice what men are doing on earth. Du. translates ^a in the same way and, emending רמיה to רמים, renders ^b, Seeing that he judges deceit, and sees in the v. an angry protest against a dogma which takes no account of reality. But these explanations also are not convincing, and in its present context the v. seems to defy explanation.

23-26. Inequality, difference of fortune in life—ease for some, misery for others, but equality, a common fate, in death; then for all alike the dust and the worm. In *this* life, if justice is to be done, the wicked must suffer (^{20f.}).

24. *Pails*] see phil. n.: EV. *breasts* like the VV. not unnaturally seeks a closer parallel to "bones" in ^b; but for this emendation is required.—b. "He is well-nourished and prosperous (cp. Pr. 3⁸)"—Dr. Ct. Ps. 32⁴³).

- ²⁵ And another dieth with a bitter soul,
 And never tasteth of good.
²⁶ They lie down alike in the dust,
 And the worm covereth them.
²⁷ Behold, I know your thoughts,
 And the plots (wherewith) ye deal violently against me ;
²⁸ For ye say, "Where is the house of the noble ?
 And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwelt ?"
²⁹ Have ye not asked them that go by the way ?
 And do ye not regard their tokens ?

25. *A bitter soul*] 3²⁰ n.—*And never tasteth of*] never through life having tasted any *good* (19²⁵), *i.e.* experienced any good fortune or happiness.

26. *Lie down in the dust*] 7²².—b. cp. Is. 14^{11b}.—*The worm*] 17¹⁴.

27 ff. The arguments of the friends spring from hostility to Job (²⁷), and are based on a false and dishonest description of facts (³⁴): they argue, wicked men go to ruin; Job has gone to ruin; Job is wicked; but the major premiss is false. as they must or ought to know: any traveller could tell them that wicked men are kept from calamity in life, and after death are honoured.

27 (*Wherewith*) *ye deal violently*] "read, perhaps, *which ye search out*, or *which ye devise*" (Dr.)—see phil. n.

28. *For*] or, *when*; but in the latter case, ²⁸ is better made the conclusion of ²⁷ (Bu.) than a protasis of which ²⁹ is the apodosis (Di.).—*Ye say*] the questions which follow are not cited verbally from the friends, but they correctly summarize such passages as 15³⁴ (Eliphaz), 8¹⁵ 18^{15. 21} (Bildad).—*Where ?*] = nowhere: cp. *e.g.* 4⁷: the houses where once the wicked dwelt and seemed to flourish have vanished.

29. *Them that go by the way*] travellers: in La. 1¹² 2¹⁵, Ps. 80¹³ 89⁴², Pr. 9¹⁵ *passers-by*, with less if any suggestion that the persons in question have travelled far.—*Tokens*] the word (אֵימָנָה), commonly rendered "sign," here means typical illustrations drawn by those travellers from their experience of men and life that (³⁰) wicked men do not come to ruin.

- ³⁰ That the evil man is spared 'in' the day of calamity?
That they are 'delivered in' the day of wrath?
- ³¹ Who doth declare his way to his face?
And if *he* hath done a thing, who doth repay him?
- ³² And *he* is borne to the grave,
And keepeth watch over the tomb.
- ³³ The clods of the valley are sweet unto him,
And all men draw after him,
As there were innumerable before him.

30. *In . . . delivered in*] *Hi* for . . . *led along to*—impossible in the context, and probably (the prepositions at least) due to a dogmatic correction of the text: see phil. n.—*Wrath*] *i.e.* God's wrath: cp. Is. 26²⁰.

31. Wicked men are not only spared by God (v.²⁹), but are also left unrebuked by man. It is more natural to take this v. as resuming Job's own description of the wicked than as continuing the testimony of the travellers.

32. Honour and good fortune continue to be the lot of the wicked in death: they are buried with pomp (^{32a}), provided with a (fine) tomb (^{32b}), and laid in sweet soil (^{33a}). Job imaginatively endows his wicked men with sentiency even in death (ct. ²⁶): they enjoy the sweetness of their grave, and (perhaps) look with satisfaction on the sepulchral monument erected in their honour. Not to enjoy such things as these, does Job demand for himself a moment of sentiency after death (19²⁶).—*Borne*] 10¹⁹.—*The grave*] a stately grave; see phil. n. on 17¹.—*Keepeth watch*] the subject may be as in ^a the wicked man regarded as sentient (cp. ^{33a}), or indef. *and men keep watch*, or *and watch is kept*, *i.e.* his tomb is carefully guarded, and his memory kept alive (ct. 18¹⁷).

33. *Valley*] properly *torrent-valley*, *wady*, if not rather *dust*; see phil. n. For the valley in which Moses was buried (Dt. 34⁶), to which *Hi*. appeals as a parallel, a different term (נַחַל) is used. ^{b, c} have been understood as meaning (1) though he does not escape the evil of death, yet in dying he only shares the lot of all who ever have been or will be (Del.); and for the wicked, even death, when it comes, comes sweetly: or (2), the wicked,

³⁴ How then comfort ye me with vanity,
 Seeing that of your answers there remaineth (nought
 but) faithlessness.

in consequence of the attractiveness of his lot, finds innumerable imitators, as he himself followed the attractive path of innumerable wicked men before him (Ew. Di. Da. Dr. Peake). It is on the whole probable that whoever wrote ^c intended to express one of these two ideas. But is ^c original, or an addition (Du. Be.^K)? Certainly, if ^b stood without ^c, it would most naturally be understood of the thronging procession that followed the wicked man to his grave, and in this case the hyperbole in "all men" would be more natural than in (2); for Job does not hold that all men are wicked. Hi. pertinently cites from Burckhardt the Arabic proverb: "The bier of a stranger—no man before it or behind it," which might even justify taking ^b and ^c in this sense, but that the idea comes late after ^a. It is noticeable that at present ^{b, c} form strange second and third lines of a distich to ^a as a first line: and also that the funeral pomp is at present rather briefly expressed in ^{32a}: possibly ^{33c} was added by a glossator after ^{32a, 33b}, a distich describing the funeral pomp, and ^{33a, 32b}, a distich describing the feelings imaginatively attributed to the wicked after death, had become dislocated.

34. *Comfort*] ²: 16².—*With vanity*] with unreal assertions such as that Job might prosper again, if he would confess and turn away from his sins, whereas in reality the beginning and condition of prosperity is wickedness. All that the friends say is but a dishonest attempt to prove him wicked.

XXII. The third speech of Eliphaz.—God derives no advantage from men, whether they are good or bad; but men themselves derive advantage (viz. prosperity) from being righteous (^{2f.}). For, of course, God does not make Job suffer (^{10f.}) because he had been pious (⁴), but because he had sinned manifoldly (⁵), treating men inhumanly (⁶⁻⁹), and God as of no account in human affairs (¹²⁻¹⁴); yet how mistakenly, for wicked men in the past, as he does now, had paid dearly for their disregard of God (¹⁵⁻²⁰). Yet, even now, if he would let

XXII. ¹ Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

² Can a man be profitable unto God?

Nay, he that doeth wisely is profitable unto himself.

³ Is it any interest to the Almighty, that thou art
righteous?

Or gain, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

⁴ Is it for thy fear (of him) that he reproveth thee,
That he entereth with thee into judgment?

God rule his life and abandon unrighteousness, prosperity might return to him (²¹⁻³⁰).

Eliphaz had already, in his second speech, directly charged Job with impious speech concerning God (15^{4f}); but it is a new feature, the only new feature, of the third speech, that he directly accuses Job of specific sins against men; in this respect Eliphaz is in his last speech most severe in his treatment of Job; and yet he, the kindest of the friends, closes even this speech as he had closed the first (5¹⁷⁻²⁷), with a picture of the felicity that might yet be obtained by Job, and an appeal to him to take that course which alone can secure it.

2-4. God has nothing to gain from men; therefore Job's sufferings cannot be traced to any self-seeking motive in God. They must be traced, then, to something in Job; and, since it would be absurd to trace it to his piety, it must be traced to sin in him. Such seems to be the argument, but certainly "Eliphaz puts his point rather strangely" (Peake).

2a, 3. Cp. 7²⁰, where Job urges that man's *sin* cannot affect God: Eliphaz combines both points that neither can man's righteousness benefit, nor his sin injure, God (35^{6f}). With ^{2b} cp. 35⁸, where the effect of man's action is limited to men, but not to the particular actor.

3. *Interest*] 21²¹ n.: here note the parallel term "gain." EV. "pleasure" is misleading: Eliphaz is not denying that God may derive pleasure, but that he derives benefit, from human righteousness.—b^β. Cp. 4^{6b}, "The perfectness of thy ways."

4. *Thy fear*] i.e. thy religion; cp. 4⁶ (n.) 15⁴.—*Reproveth*] 5¹⁷.

⁵ Is not thy wickedness great?

Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.

⁶ For thou takest pledges of thy brother for nought,
And strippest the naked of their clothing.

⁷ Thou givest not water to the weary to drink,
And from the hungry thou withholdest bread.

⁸ And the man with the arm, he had the land,
And the man of repute, he dwelt in it.

5b. Or, the force of the interrogative in ^a extending to ^b:
And are not thine iniquities endless?

6-9. Specific charges (solemnly repudiated in 31^{19f. 16f. 21}) that Job has harshly treated (1) fellow-clansmen fallen into his debt (⁶); (2) the faint and hungry (⁷); (3) widows and orphans (⁹). The lines, except in ^{9a}, where the pf. appears for variety, are frequentatives, indicating Job's constant practice.

6. Not two charges, but the two parallel lines supplement one another: the accusation is not that Job took pledges for money lent, nor even merely that he did so *for nought*, i.e. for fictitious or trivial debts, or (cp. 23 9¹⁷) without good ground, such as his own necessity; but that he took clothing in pledge, and thereby reduced his debtors to nakedness. To lend to a *fellow-Hebrew on interest* was altogether forbidden by Hebrew law (Ex. 22^{24 (25)}); to lend and to take something in pledge as security was permitted, but with the proviso that such pledges should not involve harsh treatment, such as, e.g., depriving a man of his means of living (Dt. 24⁶), or of covering by night (Ex. 22^{25 (26)}, Dt. 24^{12. 13}). It is of such harsh and unconscionable treatment of those to whom he had lent that Job is here accused: cp. 24^{3. 9}, Am. 2⁸, Ezk. 18¹².

7. Job with all his wealth had withheld food from the needy: cp. Mt. 25^{42. 35}, Is. 58^{7. 10}.—*Weary*] or faint from thirst: cp. Pr. 25²⁵, Is. 29⁸; so of unwatered land, Is. 32², Ps. 63².

8. Oblique references to Job; ct. the direct address in 6. 7. ^{9a}. The v. may well be out of place (Sgf. Bu. Peake); if not, it appears to be a covert charge of harshly dispossessing the needy from their land in order to add their estates to his own: cp. Is. 5⁸.—*The man with the arm*] the man who had power

- ⁹ Thou has sent widows away empty,
 And the arms of the fatherless are crushed.
¹⁰ Therefore traps are round about thee,
 And sudden terror dismayeth thee.
¹¹ Thy 'light' is darkened that thou seest not,
 And abundance of waters doth cover thee.
¹² Is not God as lofty as heaven?
 And behold the _^ stars, how high they are!

(cp. 35⁹), and exercised it regardless of justice or humanity.—*He had the land . . . he dwelt*] or, *his is the land* (viz. according to thy principles) . . . *he should dwell* (viz. as thou holdest), so Dr.; cp. Di. Rather differently Bu.: "As Job left the helpless and poor in the lurch, and even ill-treated them, so on the other hand he left all power in the hands of the powerful."

9. *The arms . . . are crushed*] *i.e.* orphans are deprived of support: for the fig. cp. Ps. 37¹⁷ "the arms of the wicked are broken, but Yahweh supporteth the righteous"; for *arm* used figuratively, see ⁸ 35⁹, Ps. 83⁹⁽⁸⁾ "they have become an arm (*i.e.* have given help, support) to the children of Lot."

10a. The fig. used by Bildad (18⁸⁻¹⁰) for calamity closing in on the wicked in general, Eliphaz here applies directly to Job; so in 11^a Bildad's figure in 18⁶.—*Traps*] 18^{9a}.—b. Cp. 18^{11a}.

11a. Cp. 18⁶ (Bildad). *U*, Or seest thou not the darkness? and this is understood to mean: Dost thou not even yet understand the meaning of the darkness, *i.e.* the calamities, in which you are involved on account of your sin? (so Di. Da.). *U* is no more probable if (cp. EV.) taken as a second subj. to the vb. in 10^b, Or darkness (dismayeth thee) that thou seest not.—b. For waters or floods as a fig. of calamity, see 11¹⁶ (Şophar) n. The line recurs in 38³⁴, where the waters are literal.

12. The belief in God's transcendence or, as the Hebrews expressed it concretely, the belief that God dwelt in heaven, led in different minds to different conclusions; (1) the pious concluded: from such a lofty vantage ground God sees everything that men do on earth, Ps. 14² 33^{13f.}; but (2) the impious drew the opposite conclusion: God, being so far withdrawn from men, neither sees nor takes account of what they do: so

¹³ And thou sayest, "What doth God know?

Can he judge through the thick darkness?

¹⁴ Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not;

And he walketh on the vault of heaven."

Ps. 10^{4f.}. The second of these conclusions is here attributed to Job by Eliphaz in ¹³⁻¹⁸. It is commonly supposed that Eliphaz in ¹² is indicating the first as his own. Yet it is curious that all he actually does in ¹² is to emphasize the common starting-point of the two opposite conclusions: he certainly does not *express* the conclusion he himself would draw from it. Du., therefore, omits this v. as a marginal citation to ^{13f.} Job's erroneous conclusion (^{13f.}) is challenged by an appeal to history as Eliphaz read it: the untimely death of wicked men (^{15f.}) is proof that God does judge men in spite of His transcendence. If ^{17f.} are in place, Eliphaz seeks still further to discredit Job's conclusion by the statement that it was wicked men who held it.—*As lofty as heaven*] cp. 11⁸ (Sôphar). --*The stars*] ~~the~~ *the head of the stars*, which has been explained, precariously, as meaning the highest stars: judge how high is God's abode by looking at the highest point of heaven. Or, changing the punctuation, we may render, And He (God) beholds the top of the stars; but this too is strange and improbable, and, if it were right, would enhance the difficulty of the connection of ¹² with ^{13ff.}: for to say that God sees the top of the stars, *i.e.* presumably the side turned away from earth, would in no way invalidate the conclusion attributed to Job, that God does not see what goes on far below the stars. See phil. n.

13. *And thou sayest*] in what follows Eliphaz attributes to Job more than and other than he had said in c. 21; Job's point was not that God *could* not see or judge what went on on earth: but that as a matter of fact He allowed the wicked to prosper. So, if 21²² is original, Job says indeed that God does judge the inhabitants of heaven, but not that He *could* not, if He would, judge the inhabitants of earth as well. "Job observes reality, Eliphaz is always theologizing and assumes that Job does so too" (Du.).—*Through*] (looking) out through: *Lex.* 126a.

14. *On the vault*] above the clouds (cp. ^a): see phil. n.

- ¹⁵ Wilt thou keep the old way
Which wicked men did tread?
¹⁶ Who were snatched away before their time,
Whose foundation was poured out as a stream :
¹⁷ Who said unto God, "Depart from us" ;
And, "What can the Almighty do to 'us'?"
¹⁸ Yet he filled their houses with good things :
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me !

15f. Either: wilt thou persist in that unbelief in God's judgment which wicked men from the earliest times down to the present have cherished, and like them perish untimely? Or, with specific reference to some event of ancient days, whether the Deluge (so most), or, since ^{20b} does not fit the Deluge story, some other (Ew. Du. Peake): wilt thou perish in unbelief like that of the men in the well-known ancient story who refused to believe that God's judgment was coming, but perished by it none the less? Do you want to follow that ancient path that led then and will lead now to destruction?

15. *Keep the . . . way*] continue to walk in the way: cp. Ps. 18²², Pr. 2²⁰.—*The old way*] cp. "the (good) old paths," Jer. 6¹⁶. In such phrases old (עִלִּים) may imply existing formerly and also now (e.g. "the old, or everlasting, hills"), or, existing formerly, but no longer now (e.g. "the days of old"). Here, if the allusion is to a specific past generation of men, it would naturally be used in the second sense, but "wilt thou keep" implies that it has the first, which it would naturally have, if the allusion is general and not specific.

16b. Fig. as 4¹⁹: whose life was ruined from its foundations: or, literally, the foundations of whose houses were carried away by the Deluge.

17, 18. ^{17a} = 21^{14a}; ^b, cp. 21^{15a}; ^{18a}, cp. 21^{16a}; ^{18b} = 21^{16b}. An elaborate retort in Job's own words to Job's assertion that those who dismissed God from their lives prospered: on the contrary, Eliphaz asserts, it is those who come to ruin who have dismissed God. Such a retort in itself is not unnatural or improbable; but these verses are open to suspicion of being secondary: for (1) the purpose of such a retort has already been

- 19 The righteous 'saw' it, and were glad:
 And the innocent laugh them to scorn:
 20 (Saying), "Surely 'their substance' is cut off,
 And their affluence the fire hath devoured."
 21 Accustom, now, thyself to him, and be at peace:
 Thereby will thine increase be good.
 22 Receive, I pray thee, direction from his mouth,
 And lay up his words in thine heart.

attained in 13-16; (2) 17^f. interrupt the connection between the picture of judgment on the wicked in 15^f. and the emotion and comment of the righteous called forth by it (19^f). Accordingly Bu. Du. Peake omit 17^f; Me. Sgf. omit 18 only.—*To us*] **וְלָנוּ** *to them*: but see phil. n.

19. The past tenses (see phil. n.) are likely to be right if the allusion in 15^f. is to a specific event (see on 15^f.); but if the reference there is general, the frequentatives of **וְ** should be retained here: *the righteous see* the fate which habitually befalls the wicked *and are glad*. The frequentatives would make the v. as a retort to 17⁸ (Bu.) more pointed, but see on 17⁸. With ^a, cp. Ps. 107⁴².

20. *Their substance is*] so **וְ**: **וְ** is supposed to mean *those that rose up against us*: but see phil. n.—*Their affluence*] **יָתָרָם**: so Ps. 17¹⁴, cp. **יָתָרָה**, Is. 15⁷. "The remnant of them" (EV.) is not a preferable rendering, even if **וְ** in ^a is retained.—*The fire*] 15³⁴ n.

21-30. There is still hope of happiness and prosperity for Job if he but leaves the way of the wicked and returns to God. This conclusion resembles that of Eliphaz's first speech, and contrasts with the dark close of the second speech.

21. If you will but acquiesce in His dealings with you, you will find yourself at peace with Him, and your life prosperous. On ^b, see phil. n.

22. *Direction*] **תּוֹרָה** || *words* (**אִמְרוֹי**): cp. Is. 5²⁴ (|| **אִמְרָה**), 10¹⁰ (|| **דְּבַר**). Cp. also the use of the term of human directions or instructions (*e.g.* Pr. 1⁸ 7²). The words of God that are to direct Job aright are given in 23^{ff}.: Eliphaz is the mediator of a divine revelation: cp. 4^{12ff}, 5²⁷ 15¹¹.

- 23 If thou return to the Almighty, 'and humble thyself';
 If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents;
 24 And lay gold-ore in the dust,
 And (gold of) Ophir among the rocks of the wadys;
 25 Then will the Almighty be thy gold-ore,
 And 'his direction' will be silver unto thee;
 26 For then thou wilt delight thyself in the Almighty,
 And lift up thy face unto God.
 27 Thou wilt make thy prayer unto him, and he will hear thee;
 And thy vows thou wilt perform.
 28 Thou wilt also decree a thing, and it will be established unto
 thee;
 And light shall shine upon thy ways.
 29 For 'God' abaseth pride,
 But him that is lowly of eyes he saveth.

23. *And humble thyself*] *Thou shalt be built up*: but see phil. n.

24. Let Job no more place his confidence in gold (31²⁴), but rather throw it away as worthless.—*Gold of Ophir*] climactic after gold-ore: cp. 28¹⁶. On identifications of the land of Ophir whence this highly-prized gold came, see *EBi.* and *DB*, s.v. *Ophir*.

25. Possibly Eliphaz speaks with a recollection of the meaning of his own name, my God is fine gold: Job will have the same enjoyment of God as Eliphaz has.—*And his direction will be silver*] RV. "and precious silver" (as a second predicate to the "Almighty" in ^a)—a conjectural rendering of *Th*: see phil. n. *Direction* as v.²²; for the sentiment, cp. Ps. 19¹¹.

26. With ^a cp. 27^{10a}, Is. 58¹⁴; with ^b cp. 27^{10b}.—*Lift up thy face*] in confidence, to see Him and to show Him a face free from trace of shame and guilt: cp. 11¹⁵: ct. 10¹⁵.

27b. is parallel to the second half of 27^a: Job will have occasion to pay his vows, because God will have granted the prayer for the fulfilment of which the vows were promised.

28b. Ct. v.^{11a}.

29a. *Th* is unintelligible and cannot bear the meaning, even if that were suitable, placed upon it in RV. See phil. n.

³⁰ He delivereth the innocent 'man',
 And 'thou shalt' be delivered through the cleanness of
 thy hands.

30. The metrically questionable and otherwise very improbable text of **℣**₂ reads: He delivereth him that is not innocent, and he is delivered, through the cleanness of thy hands: this has been understood to mean that God, on account of Job's innocence, delivers the guilty; it would then be an unconscious anticipation on the part of Eliphaz of what happens subsequently to himself (42⁸). Even as emended, the text (on other emendations see phil. n.) is not a very forcibly expressed conclusion to the speech.

XXIII., XXIV. Job's reply to Eliphaz's third speech.

—Unlike any of the previous replies (but cp. cc. 3, 29-31), this speech contains no direct address to the friends: the whole might be monologue. The speech falls into two main divisions corresponding to the two chapters: (1) c. 23—the riddle presented by God's treatment of Job; (2) c. 24—by His treatment of men generally. Partly on the ground of form, partly on the ground of substance, much or all (except the last v.) of c. 24 has been regarded as added to, or substituted for a part of, the original text. But that Job should, as in his previous speech (c. 21), carry his consideration of the riddle beyond its purely personal reference is likely enough, and 24²⁵ forms, as is indeed admitted by most, an altogether probable ending for a speech of Job. The exceedingly corrupt state of the text complicates decision on the critical problem: see further on c. 24. Assuming c. 24 to be in the main genuine, the speech may be summarized briefly thus: Job, suffering still (23¹), still longs to find God and argue his case with Him (2-7); but he cannot do so (8^f): could he, he is certain what the issue would be, for God really knows as well as Job himself Job's steadfast adherence to the right (10-12). Yet since, in spite of this, God is evidently bent on carrying through His harsh treatment of him, there is no escape for Job (for what God wills, He does), but only dismay and darkness (13-17). The same disregard of right by God which Job feels in his own case, he perceives in

XXIII. ¹ And Job answered and said,

² Even to-day is my complaint 'bitter';

'His' hand is heavy upon my groaning.

others (^{14b}); so that his question is more than personal; it is not merely, Why must I suffer? but, Why do so many victims of wickedness suffer, God remaining all the time indifferent and inactive (²⁴¹)? For the wicked pursue their nefarious practices (²⁻⁴), their victims suffer (²⁻¹²), and God takes no account (^{12c}). Three classes of those who shun the light are described (¹³⁻¹⁷). Vv. ¹⁸⁻²⁴ are through textual corruption altogether obscure or ambiguous, but in part they apparently describe the fate of the wicked as unhappy (¹⁸⁻²⁰), in part (^{21f.} ^{? 24}) as happy. In the concluding v. (²⁵) Job insists that his descriptions have been true to facts. In all this Job makes no direct reference to what Eliphaz had just said; but indirectly he traverses his two main points: against Eliphaz's accusations (²²^{6ff.}), he insists on his innocence and integrity (²³^{7. 10 12}); against Eliphaz's closing appeal to him to return to God, he expresses his longing to find God; but God is not to be found.

2. *Even to-day*] or *to-day also*; this seems to imply that the debate lasted more than one day, and suggests that Eliphaz's third speech marked the beginning of the third day's discussion; and that this v. is thus Job's first remark on the day in question. On emendations suggested to avoid this implication, see phil. n. —*Complaint*] ²¹⁴ n.; complaint, *i.e.* complaining, is here closely associated with acute suffering; note the parallel "groaning" and cp. ⁷¹³. Job's sufferings still draw from him bitter complaining and groans.—*Bitter*] cp. ⁷¹¹; *U* *defiant*, which would mean that Job is as little inclined as ever to admit that God was dealing justly with him, and as little likely as ever to satisfy Eliphaz: see phil. n.—*His hand* (⁷ as ¹⁹²¹, cp. ⁷²¹, ¹³²¹) *is heavy*] cp. Ps. ³²⁴, 1 S. ⁵⁶; in spite of Job's groaning (³²⁴) under sufferings already inflicted, God afflicts him still; so *G* ³. *U* has *my hand*, which is supposed to mean: I do my best to check my groaning, but in vain: see phil. n.; on AV. "my stroke is heavier than my groaning," see also Da.

- 3 Oh that I knew where I might find him,
That I might come even to his tribunal!
- 4 I would set out my case before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
- 5 I would know the words which he would answer me,
And understand what he would say unto me.
- 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
Nay: but *he* would give heed unto me.

3-5. Why tell me to return to God (22²³)? If only I knew where or how to reach Him! That I do not is ground enough in itself for continued complaining. If Job could but reach God, how gladly (cp. 13^{3b}) would he state his own case, and (⁵) hear God's reply to it. On the cohortatives in 4^t, see G-K. 108f.

4a. Cp. 13¹⁸.—*Arguments*] 13⁶: the vb. 13³.

6f. If only Job could reach God and argue his case before Him, right, not might, would decide, and Job's innocence would for ever be established. Job's attitude has changed since c. 9: there (3. 14-20. 32^t.) he is possessed by the thought that, even if he could stand before God, God's might would deflect his right, that God would browbeat and terrify him into making himself out to be guilty; though even there (34^t, cp. also 13²⁰⁻²²) he is sure enough that, if God would only abstain from exercising His might to terrify, he could establish his right. In some measure 13¹⁶ anticipates the present passage; and even here he has no confidence that he will reach God (quite the reverse, 8-10), and is still convinced that, unheard by God, he must become the victim of His might (13-17). Bu., with slight emendations, reads: Behold, in the greatness of His power He might contend with me, If only He [Himself] would give heed to me: in this case Job is reducing his conditions to a minimum: he is now ready to face even God's might, if God will but attend to him.

6. *He*] the exact force of the emphasis has been differently understood: "*He*, being what He is" (Dr.); "God Himself, and not merely a man" (Di.); "He whom I now know as Him who is always on the side of right" (13¹⁶ 19²⁵)—Du.

- 7 There would an upright man be arguing with him ;
 And I should be delivered for ever from my judge.
 8 Behold I go forward, but he is not (there) ;
 And backward, but I perceive him not ;
 9 I seek him ¹ on the left hand, but I behold him not ;
 1 I ¹ turn to the right hand, but I do not see him.
 10 For he knoweth the way that I take,
 If he trieth me, I shall come forth as gold.

7. *An upright man*] || I = Job the upright (1¹) ; the line is not a general statement (RV.), but a statement of what would take place if Job could find God.

8f. But Job cannot find God, even with the most persistent seeking. The vv. explicate what is implicit in ³, and interrupt the close connection between 7 and 10, and are, perhaps, as Bu. Sgf. Du. conclude, an addition to the original text. G omits ⁹ only. The vv. resemble, without however expressing quite the same thought as, 9^{11f.}, Ps. 139^{5, 7-10}.—*Forward . . . backward . . . left hand . . . right hand*] or, *east . . . west . . . north . . . south*.—*Perceive him not . . . do not see him*] cp. 9¹¹ : in parallellism with these, *he is not* in ^{8a} means of course : he is not to be found by me.—*I seek him*] *℥ where he works*, in which Del. detects an allusion to the belief that the North is the unfinished part of the world. But that, or where, God works, is not the point of the passage.—*I turn*] *℥ he turns*. RV. “He hideth himself,” giving to *℥* a meaning possible in itself (see phil. n), but unsuitable : “for what is there remarkable in one not seeing one who hides himself” (Schult.).

10. *For*] If ^{8f.} are an addition, ¹⁰⁻¹³ originally gave the reason for Job’s confidence that he would establish his case, if ever he could come before God : this confidence arises from the fact that his conduct has been right, and he himself true, and that God knows, or (וְיָדַע) would come to know, this. If ^{8f.} are original, ¹⁰ must state “the reason why God will not let Himself be found by Job : He knows that he is innocent (¹⁰⁻¹²), but yet will not be diverted (^{13, 14}) from his hostility towards Him” (Dr.). But in this case the real reason lies in ^{13f.}, and ¹⁰⁻¹² are virtually concessive : for, though He knows I am innocent, He will not abandon His purpose to treat me as guilty. Rendering

¹¹ My foot hath held fast to his steps;

His way have I kept, and turned not aside.

¹² The commandment of his lips—I never seceded (from it);

I have treasured up 'in' my bosom the words of his
mouth.

¹³ But he 'hath chosen', and who can turn him back?

And his soul desireth (a thing), and he doeth it.

¹⁴ For he completeth that which is appointed for me:

And many such things are in his mind.

by *but* (so RV.) instead of *for*, Peake explains the connection thus: in spite of God's self-concealment (^{st.}), He still closely watches Job's ways; but if this had been the point, we should have expected ^{st.} to have expressed not Job's fruitless efforts to find God, but God's successful measures to hide Himself from Job; the latter point is, however, not put at all, not even in ^{9b} when correctly read and interpreted.

10b. Cp. Ps. 17³, and with *steps* in 11^a, Ps. 17⁵.

12b. Cp. Ps. 119¹¹. Job had done what Eliphaz exhorts him to do (22²³).—*In my bosom*] so *Gr*: cp. "in my heart," Ps. 119¹¹. *U* from, or *more than*, *my law*, which has been strangely regarded as anticipating the thought of Ro. 7²³.

13-17. But in spite of his steadfastness in the right, Job recognizes that God remains immovable from His determination to treat him harshly.

13. Cp. 9¹².—*He hath chosen*] on *U*, *paraphrased* in RV., "He is in one mind," see phil. n.

14. The v. appears to contain the application of the general truth, that what God wills, He does (¹³), to ^a Job's destiny, ^b the destiny of like sufferers—the theme developed in c. 24; it is obvious that in fact Job is suffering though righteous: this must be because God wills it and prescribes suffering for Job; and He will go on undeterred till the full tale of Job's suffering has been exacted; and the same morally inexplicable course He intends to pursue with others: they are and will be righteous; but God allows, and will allow, them to suffer. But it is curious (1) that this application of ¹⁴ is expressed in the form of a reason for it—*for* He completeth; and (2) that what

¹⁵ Therefore am I dismayed at his presence;

When I consider, I am afraid of him.

¹⁶ For God hath made my heart faint,

And the Almighty hath dismayed me;

¹⁷ Because I am not undone because of the darkness,

Or because of my own face which thick darkness covereth.

God appoints for Job, viz. that he shall suffer to the last, is not more explicitly put; (1) is not very satisfactorily avoided by reading *thus* (Bu.) for *for*; and ¹⁵ would be still less adequately prepared for by ¹³ (which even less explicitly asserts that Job's sufferings will continue), if with *¶* ¹⁴ were omitted, or with Du. transferred to follow ¹⁷. It is, however, not improbable that ¹⁴ was originally differently expressed.—*Completesth*] makes the realization fully correspond to the intent: cp. Is. 44²⁶.—*That which is appointed for me*] viz. my disease hastening on to death: cp. 7⁶ 9²⁵ etc. The same Hebrew word (פן) with different nuances occurs in 14⁵ (see phil. n.) ¹³ 38¹⁰. With a mere change of punctuation, ^b may be rendered: *And so* (are, or turn out), such is the result of, *processes at law with him* (so Hoffm.).

15, 16. God alone is the cause of Job's fear: the emphatic words are *at his presence* (lit. *face*), *God*, *the Almighty*.

17. *¶*, translated as above, is taken to be the negative aspect of what has been said in ¹⁵: God, *i.e.* God in the mysterious, inexplicable ways of His providence (¹⁵), not calamity in itself (^{17a}), or (^b) his face disfigured (19^{13ff.}) by his calamities, is the cause of Job's being overwhelmed: so Di. Da. Dr. (in *Book of Job*). But this is scarcely less improbable than an earlier explanation of *¶* embodied in AV.: God dismays Job, because Job was not allowed to die before calamity came upon him. Under these circumstances most recent commentators have felt driven to emendation, and to read: Because I am undone because of the darkness, And because thick darkness hath covered my face: God dismays Job, because he cannot see the meaning of what He does.

XXIV. With the exception of ²⁵, the whole or a large part of this c. has been regarded by many as interpolated. The

grounds alleged are (1) the difference in poetical form; (2) the unsuitability of the contents to the context.

(1) *The poetical form.*—Me., rejecting ⁹⁻²⁴, claimed that this section consisted of two sets of six tristichs, each preceded by a distich, the distichs being ⁹ and ¹⁷, the first set of tristichs ^{10b. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16}, the second ^{18, 19} (a line being assumed to have been lost), ^{20, 21, 22a, 22b, 23, 24}. Bi., rejecting ^{5-8, 10-24}, regarded the remainder, together with ^{30³⁻⁷}, as a series of tristichs as follows: ^{24^{5a. b. c, 5d. 6, 7. 10a, 8, 30^{3a, 3b. 4, 5. 6a, 6b. 7, 24^{10b. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17}}} (with three words added), ^{18, 19} (with two words added), ²⁰ (with one word added), ^{21, 22a} (altered), ^{22b, 23} (altered), ²⁴. Du., rejecting ¹⁻²⁴, regards these vv. as consisting of four poems ^{1-4, 5-12} (+ ^{30²⁻⁸}), ^{13-18a, 18b-24}, all written exclusively in tristichs. He divides this c. into the following tristichs: ¹ (with two words added: see phil. n.), ^{2, 3a, 3b. 4, 5a. b. c, 5d. 6, 8, 10a, 10b. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. 18a, 18b. 19, 20, 21b, 22a} (^{20-22a} much altered). Du. omits ^{7, 9, 18c}, and makes many changes (mostly noted in the phil. nn.) in the rest of the c. It will be seen that Me. Bi. Du. agree in detecting here tristichs to the entire (Bi. Du.), or almost entire (Me.), exclusion of distichs; though they are not altogether agreed as to the constituent elements of some of the tristichs. If there were actually anything like so great a number of tristichs as even Me. claims, there would undoubtedly be a strong argument from form against this section, for the book of Job consists almost exclusively of distichs with tristichs occurring at most as very infrequent variations. But there is not: some details of form are discussed in the notes: here it may suffice to point out how illegitimately in some, how precariously in other instances, the appearance of tristichs is obtained: Du. divides the obvious parallel lines ^{3a. b} from one another to give to three distichs the appearance of two tristichs; in ¹ he expands two lines (one overlong) into three by the conjectural addition of two words; thus in ¹⁻⁴ he constructs three tristichs out of an existing text that shows no trace even of one. Me. Bi. Du. agree in finding five consecutive tristichs in ¹²⁻¹⁶, and here the existing text (cp. RV.) lends them support; yet the reasons for transposing ^{14c} to follow ^{15c} are very strong; and if the transposition is made, even in this part of the chapter distichs at least intermingle with tristichs. In ¹⁸⁻²⁴ the text is so corrupt that emendation is justified, not to say imperative; but for that very reason from conjecturally constructed tristichs in this part of the c. no conclusion can safely be drawn that tristichs were exclusively used in the first part of it. The *formal* argument that c. 24 is mainly an interpolation cannot therefore be maintained.}

(2) *The nature of the context.*—Though the frequent corruptions of the text, especially in ¹⁸⁻²⁴, render interpretation in detail extremely uncertain, the chapter clearly has a certain character of its own: Me. finds in ⁹⁻²⁴ a characterization of the way of the world in a series of short popular character sketches presented without passing any moral judgment on the classes described; and Bi. finds the miserable inhabitants of the desert, who are described, neither bad enough to serve as examples of sinners that escape punishment, nor good enough to be a type of good men wronged; vv. ^{4-8, 10-24} seem to him “a libro quodam gnomico de cursu vitæ desumpti.” Du., with less probability, detects an eschatological element

XXIV. ¹ Why are times not laid up by the Almighty?

And why do not they who know him see his days?

² ¹ Wicked men ¹ remove land-marks;

They violently take away flocks, and feed them.

in 1-4. Hoffm. places 13-25 after 25⁶ as part of Bildad's speech. The nature of the contents is, to a large extent, rightly characterized by Me. and Bi., but it does not necessarily follow that c. 24 is an inappropriate continuation of c. 23; and to Bu. it appears precisely what we ought to expect. In any case, the c. is certainly not throughout a mere cool and unconcerned description of life, in which case it would certainly differ greatly in tone and temper from other speeches of Job; for not only ¹, but also ^{12c}, reflect the feeling of the writer, that the facts of life present moral anomalies and raise the question of the moral government of God—in other words, the feeling that constantly underlies and finds expression in Job's speeches.

The passages most open to suspicion of interpolation are (1) the very objective description of the "night-birds," 13-17, which also, even in the original text, perhaps contained an unusual proportion of tristichs, and (2) those parts of 18-24 which refer to the swift doom descending on the wicked.

I. On the connection with c. 23, see the introductory nn. to c. 23 and to this c. Why does God not appoint for Himself set times at which to judge men, measuring out punishment to wrong-doers, and rescuing the wronged from the violence done to them by their fellow-men? Why do not men see (ct. 22¹⁹—Eliphaz) God thus judicially active? The questions are wider than in 21⁷: attention is turned now not only on the wicked, but on their victims.—*Times . . . days*] the parallelism is not favourable to Du.'s substitution for *days* of *day*, i.e. the day of Yahweh (eschatological).—*Laid up*] the same vb. as in 15²⁰ 21¹⁹.—*They who know him*] not specifically those who know of God's future judgment (Du.); but, in general, the righteous; cp. "him that knoweth not God" (|| to the unrighteous, 𐤇𐤍) in 18²¹; cp. also Ps. 36¹¹. Or, possibly, the term here is due to corruption; in what follows the wronged are not depicted under the aspect of those that know God; the connection with what follows would be easier if some such term as the wicked, or the oppressed, were substituted.

2, 3, 9, 4.—The violent and their victims.

2. *Wicked men*] see phil. n.—*Remove land-marks*] the bound-

- ³ They drive away the ass of the fatherless,
They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
⁹ They pluck the fatherless from the breast,
And take in pledge ' the infant ' of the poor.
⁴ They turn the needy aside from the way,
All together the poor of the earth hide themselves.
- ⁵ Behold as wild asses in the wilderness,
They go forth ' to ' their work, seeking diligently for
meat,
The steppe (provideth) ^a food for the(ir) children.

aries between their own land and their neighbours', in order to incorporate their neighbours' land in their own: cp. Dt. 19¹⁴ 27¹⁷, Pr. 23¹⁰.—*And feed them*] *Et with their shepherd*: see phil. n.

3. The most helpless classes are spoiled of their means of livelihood: cp. 22^{6, 9}.

9. The v. is certainly out of place between ⁸ and ¹⁰: if not a gloss, it may have stood here: see phil. n.—*The infant of the poor*] *fit over, or upon, the poor*: but see phil. n.

4. The exact point of ^a has been differently taken: they hinder the poor of their just rights (Da., cp. Am. 5¹²): they thrust the poor out of the public way, where every one has a right to walk (Di.), or where the sight of them displeases the high-handed wicked (Du.): they violently get rid of the poor when these run after them begging for restoration of what has been plundered from them (Hi.).

5-8. Description of certain miserable starvelings of the steppes, whose search yields them little food and no shelter: cp. 30²⁻⁸. Here there is no allusion to the authors of the misery: ct. 1-4 and even 10⁶.

5. The text is corrupt and the meaning in detail uncertain (see phil. n.): but probably "wilderness" and "steppe" were originally parallel terms (cp. Is. 40³ 41¹⁰), both describing not, as part of the fig. (Bu.), the home of the wild ass (6⁵ 11¹² 39^{5ff.}), but the country remote from men and cities where this pitiable set of human beings, not naturally adapted to it like the wild

- ⁶ The mixed fodder (of cattle) they reap in the field;
And they take away the late-ripe fruit from the vineyard
of the rich.
- ⁷ They pass the night naked without clothing,
And have no covering in the cold.
- ⁸ They are wet with the rain of the mountains,
And for want of shelter they embrace the rock.
- ¹⁰ (Others) go about naked without clothing,
And being an-hungered they carry the sheaves;
- ¹¹ Between 'the' rows (of olive trees) they make oil;
They tread the wine-vats, and suffer thirst.

asses (39⁵⁻⁸ n.), eke out their existence.—*Food for the children*] children (נערים) as 29⁵ (n.); connecting "the steppe" with ^b, many read for ^c: *there is no food for the children*, or (Du.), in this case better, *for those shaken* (out of the land).

6. Again the text is uncertain; but the meaning in general seems to be: even if they (stealthily) issue from the steppe into the cultivated land, they only secure poor and scanty food from the fields and vineyards. For details, see phil. nn.—*The mixed fodder*, etc.] cp. 6⁵ n. Read, perhaps, *in the night*.—*The late-ripe fruit*] the few grapes left to ripen on the vines: these they pilfer from the vineyards, now less carefully guarded than when the main crop was ripe and ready for picking.—*The rich*] ~~the~~, *the wicked*, which has been understood to refer to those who have driven the starvelings into the steppe (Di.), or, assuming that not starvelings but plundering Bedawin are described, to the agriculturalist who has broken covenant with the Bedawin by refusing to pay the covenanted blackmail (Wetzst.).

8. *Rain*] the heavy rain (זרם) of the winter storms: cp. Is. 25⁴ 30³⁰.—*Embrace*] cp. La. 4⁵.

9. See after v.³.

10, 11. Slaves, or ill-paid, hard-worked, weary labourers (7² 14⁶), not allowed by these masters to still their pangs of hunger and thirst with any grains from the sheaves which all day long they carry, or the juice of the grapes which they tread

¹² From out of the city the dying groan,
And the soul of the wounded crieth out for help;
Yet God regardeth not the folly.

¹³ Those are of them that rebel against the light;
That know not the ways thereof,
Nor abide in the paths thereof.

out. The ill-treatment by the masters, violating the spirit of the law of Dt. 25¹, is at least suggested: the scene has shifted back from the steppe (⁵⁻⁸) to the farms and the vineyards. ^{10a}. ^{11a} are probably out of place or corrupt: ^{10b}. ^{11b} are parallels: see phil. n.

11a. *The*] ~~the~~ *their*, paraphrased by "the . . . of these men" in EV.—*Rows*] the meaning *walls* (EV. al.) is unsupported: see phil. n.

12. From the steppe (⁵⁻⁸) and the cultivated country side (^{10f.}), the description here passes, if the text is correct, to human suffering in the towns; in any case ¹³⁻¹⁷ probably contemplate town-life. But in ¹² there is nothing *distinctive* of town-life: men die everywhere and may be wounded anywhere. Bu. therefore places ¹² after ^{14b}, as describing the result of the murderer's activity; but this overloads the description of the murderer as compared with those of the adulterer and thief, and "out of the city" would be rather pointless. Others emend (see phil. n.), following *Gr*, which already, with no very different text, expressed quite a different sense: "Out of the city, out of (their) houses they are driven forth, And the soul of the children crieth out for help."—*The city the dying*] ~~the~~: the city of men.—**c.** Or, emending, *Yet God heareth not their prayer*. On *folly*, see *i*²².

13-17. Three classes of the enemies of light (¹³) and lovers of darkness (^{16b}. ^c ¹⁷): the murderer (^{14a}. ^b), the adulterer (¹⁵), and the thief (^{14c}. ^{16a})—violators of the 6th, 7th, and 8th commandments. For the emendation in and the transposition of ^{14c}, see phil. n.

13. *Those*] now to be mentioned—an unusual use of the pron.—*Are of*] are, or have become, among the number of:

- 14 ' Before ' the light the murderer riseth,
 That he may kill the poor and needy.
 15 And the eye of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
 Saying, No eye shall see me:
 And he putteth on a covering for his face.
 14^c And in the night the thief ' goeth about ',
 16^a He diggeth into houses in the dark.

ב היה as in Jg. 11³⁵.—*Them that rebel against the light*] a striking phrase, which in another connection might well be explained as a mythological allusion (Di.); but before 14-16 the light in question must be daylight, not the good principle. Certainly 13 attaches loosely to what precedes: on the other hand it forms a good introduction to 14-16 with 16^{b.c.} 17 as a corresponding conclusion; it is therefore precarious to omit the v. (Stud. cp. Di.), or to separate it from 14^{ff.} (Grill, who retains 1. 4. 10-13. 22^{ff.} as the genuine parts of the c.). With ^b, ct. 17^b.

14. *Before the light*] $\mathfrak{H}$ at the light, i.e. when it is light, which is inconsistent with the context: together with $\mathfrak{H}$ in 14^c it would imply that the same persons murder by day and thief by night (Del.). With ^b, cp. Ps. 10^{8f.} and see phil. n. Line ^c (placed above after v. 15: see phil. n. on 16) in $\mathfrak{H}$ reads, *And by night let him be like a thief!* $\mathfrak{H}$ in ^a could only be retained if אור had already developed its later (Mishnic) meaning of *evening, night* (see, e.g., Pes. 1¹: NHWB, s.v. אור).

15. Cp. Pr. 7⁹. If ^c is in place, the adulterer makes himself doubly secure against detection: he waits till it is dark, and even then covers his face with his mantle, or disguises himself as a woman with a woman's veil (Wetzstein in Del.).

16^a describes the activity not of the adulterer (as in $\mathfrak{H}$), but of the thief (see phil. n.) whose practice was to dig through (Ex. 22¹, Jer. 2³⁴, Mt. 6¹⁹) the clay walls of houses and steal, avoiding, probably from superstitious motives, any attempt to force an entrance by the door (Trumbull, *The Threshold Covenant*, p. 260f.). That an adulterer should dig a hole through the wall of a house, creating the need for awkward explanations when the husband returned, is very improbable: his mode of ingress would be different (cp. Pr. 7^{7ff.}) from that of the thief.

- 16^b In the daytime they shut themselves up,
 ' One and all ' they know not the light ;
 17 For midnight is (as) morning to them,
 For ' they are ' acquainted with the terrors of ' darkness '.
- 18 " ' They ' are swift " (ye say) " upon the face of the waters.
 Their portion is cursed in the earth ;
 No treader (of grapes) turneth towards ' their vineyard '.

16^b. All these nefarious persons keep at home by day. An alternative (cp. AV. RVm.) but less probable rendering of the line is, *which they had sealed for themselves by day*: i.e. they set marks for purposes of recognition on that part of the house by which they intend to gain entrance.—*Shut themselves up*] securely; lit. *seal themselves up*: cp. the use of *seal* in 9⁷ 14¹⁷ 37⁷.

17. Night is for them, as for wild beasts (Ps. 104²⁰⁻²²), day, i.e. the time of their activity. An alternative rendering of ^a is, *For morning is as midnight to them*, i.e. they dread morning as much as ordinary people dread darkness.—*Midnight*] lit. thick darkness; 3⁵ n.

18-24. In part at least these corrupt, difficult, ambiguous or unintelligible verses describe the unhappy fate of the wicked; this is a constant theme of the friends, whereas Job admits at most and by way of concession (c. 21) that *some* wicked men meet with an unhappy fate, but only as rare exceptions to the general rule that the wicked prosper. It is necessary, therefore, to suppose either (1) that the vv. are out of place (for some theories, see the introductory note to the c.): or (2) that Job in 18-21 is citing the opinions of the friends to reject them in v. 22^f.: so RVm.: for other real or assumed examples of such citation, see 21¹⁶⁻¹⁹. The difficulty is not to be avoided either (1) by translating optatively (let them be swift, etc.: cp. GSV): for this would have required different forms in חָיָה (קָלָהּ יְהִי for הוּא קָלָהּ and אֵל יָפֵן for לֹא יִפְנֶה); or (2) by making 18-21 and 22-24 illustrations of God's different treatment of the wicked—severe treatment of some, easy treatment of others—without any appearance of moral discrimination (Di.), for of such difference the text says nothing.

- 19 Drought and heat consume snow waters :
 (So doth) Sheol (those who) have sinned.
 20 The womb forgetteth him :
 The worm doth suck him :
 He is remembered no more :
 And unrighteousness is broken as a tree.

18. *They are*] *H* *he is*—in either case, if ^a goes with ^{b, c.}, the wicked generally (cp. ^{19b 20d}) rather than the special classes of ¹³⁻¹⁷ are intended: their life is short; they are *swiftly* (^{9²⁵}) gone, like something hurried away by the stream (Hos. 10⁷). *Portion*] of ground, as in 2 S. 14^{30f.}, Am. 4⁴.—*Is cursed*] and in consequence unproductive (cp. Gn. 3^{17f.}); whether the curse on the wicked man's ground is thought of as pronounced by God (cp. Gn. 8²¹, the same vb. as here) or man (^{5³}, a different vb.) is uncertain.—c. *H* may be translated as above, the meaning being: as his (arable) ground is barren, so his vineyard no longer yields grapes. *ff*: *he turneth not by the way of the vineyards*, which has been understood as the reverse of “to sit under one's vine and fig-tree” (Da.).

19. In *H* the v. is unrhythmical, awkwardly expressed and no doubt corrupt (see phil. n.); ^b (apart from ^a) would be more naturally rendered, as it is in *Gr*, *his sin is asked for*. Du., rejecting as glosses ^{19b} and (in ^{18b}) “the way of the vineyards,” and treating the remainder as two parallels to ^{18b} (reading יִסְכַּנָּה for לֹא יִפְנֶה, יִגְלוּ for יִגְלוּהָ), renders, Drought and heat take it away, Snow waters consume it: *i.e.* lack of rain in summer, excess in winter, alike serve to ruin the wicked man's land.

20a-c. The wicked passes out of all remembrance, even of the mother who bore him (cp. Is. 49^{15f.}), and only the worm now finds any satisfaction in him. But (see phil. n.) not improbably one or two slight errors in transcription have quite altered the figures of the lines, which rather read:

The square of his (native-) place forgetteth him,
 And his name is remembered no more.

20d. Cp. 19¹⁰: but the line attaches awkwardly and suspiciously to those that precede, whether these are read as in *H* or as emended (see last n.); nor is the awkwardness less, if

²¹ He 'ill-treateth' the barren that beareth not:

And doeth not good to the widow."

²² Yet (God) by his power maketh the mighty to continue:

He riseth up, though he believeth not that he will live.

with RVm. the line is connected with ²¹: And unrighteousness is broken as a tree: even he that devoureth, etc. Du., assuming extensive corruption and transposition of words, reads: Like a rotten tree he is uprooted (כעץ רעע יעקר).

21. Typical activities of the wicked man (cp. ^{2. 4. 9}): ill-treatment of the widow is familiar, but we should expect as its parallel ill-treatment of the orphan; instead of this, $\mathfrak{H}$ as rendered above refers strangely to ill-treatment of childless women, the point being supposed to be that such have no sons to defend them (Di.: on some curious earlier explanations, see Schult.), or if it be rendered *he keepeth company with* (Pr. 29³) *the barren* (so Marshall), to adultery with wives unlikely to conceive. Du., continuing his textual reconstruction of ^{20d}, reads, ^{21b} He doeth not good to the widow, ^{21a} And hath no compassion on her child (עוֹלָה—וְעוֹלָה לֹא רַחֵם from ^{20d}, רַחֵם חֶלֶד for חֶלֶד רַחֵם עוֹלָה has already been taken back into ^{20d}).—*Ill-treateth*] $\mathfrak{H}$ *grazeth on* (see phil. n.), or *keepeth company with* (see above).

22-24. So far from the wicked suffering an untimely fate, as you say (¹⁸⁻²¹), God prolongs their life (^{22a}) beyond their expectation (^{22b}) and grants them security (^{23a}) and tenderly cares for them (^{23b}): such is the point of ^{22f}, if $\mathfrak{H}$ is retained in ²³ and is to be translated as above in ²²; and the same line of thought would be continued in ²⁴, if this really meant that though the wicked share the common fate of men, they do so only when they are like ripe ears of corn (^{5²⁶}), *i.e.* after a long life. But the antithesis at the beginning of ^{22a} is not marked in $\mathfrak{H}$ ("Yet" is merely "and"); and the verses have been understood by some (Du. for instance) as continuing throughout the description of the unhappy fate of the wicked.

22. *Yet (God) . . . maketh . . . to continue*] in life (see phil. n.): $\mathfrak{H}$ may also be translated, *And he draweth away* ($\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{H}$ EV), *viz.* to destruction, the vb. being the same as in Ps.

- 23 He granteth him to be confident, and he stands supported ;
 And his eyes are upon 'his' ways.
- 24 They are exalted for a little while, and they are gone ;
 Yea, they are brought low, they are 'plucked off' like
 'mallows',
 And like the tops of ears of corn are they cut off.
- 25 And if it be not so, now, who will prove me a liar,
 And make my speech nothing worth?

28³.—*Riseth up*] from a bed of sickness (cp. Ex. 21¹⁹). By itself the line might have a different sense: *though he stand up*, endure (8¹⁵) for the moment, *yet he has no confidence in his life* continuing.

23a. Du., If he is pulled down, he has no hope of finding support: see phil. n. on 22.—b. Ps. 33¹⁸. For *his eyes*, Du. reads *his oppressor* (מַעֲנִי); RVm. *but his eyes* understands the line of the punishment of the wicked: though God seems to give them security (a), yet all the time He is narrowly watching them to punish them.

24. Even in H this v. most naturally suggests the untimely end of the persons referred to; for the alternative view, that it describes God's favour (see on 22-24 and phil. n.), reference is made to 21¹³.—*They are brought low*] i.e. (if the word is rightly read) in death.—*Plucked off*] H *contract themselves*, i.e. in death.—*Like mallows*] So G: H *like all* (men).—*Mallows*] 30⁴.—*Tops of the ears of corn*] this appears to stand for: tops of the stalks of corn: corn was reaped by cutting off the tops of the stalk a little below the ear: see EBi. *Agriculture* 67 with illustrations.—*Are cut off*] or *withered*: so Di. who understands the line as referring to the withering of the tops of the ears (see last n.) as the corn ripens.

XXV. Bildad's third speech.—This speech, which speaks of the majesty of God (2f.) and, echoing Eliphaz (4¹⁷ 5^{14f.}), of the impossibility of man ranking as pure before God (4-6), opens abruptly, without a question (4¹ n.), and is of extreme brevity. The brevity has sometimes been regarded as an indication on the poet's part that the arguments of the friends are exhausted: more probably it is due to early mutilation of the text which

- XXV. ¹ Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
² Dominion and fear are with him;
 Who maketh peace in his high places.
³ Is there any number of his troops?
 And upon whom doth not his light arise?

led to the loss or misplacement of the opening (see on 26²⁻⁴) and other parts of Bildad's speech: see the Introduction.

2-6. God rules in such a way as to inspire terror (^{2a}), imposing His will on all who resist Him, even among the inhabitants of heaven (^{2b}); in the execution of His will He can rely on innumerable and invincible powers (³). Should man on earth, then, criticize Him, as Job had done (23^{13-24²⁵}), or, again as Job had done (23^{7.11f.}), claim to be innocent (⁴⁻⁶)? Neither of the terror of God's rule (see 23^{15ff.}), nor of the imperfection and impurity of human beings (see 9²), did Job need Bildad to instruct him.

2. *With him*] i.e. with God (see phil. n. on 24²²), who may have been mentioned previously in some part of Bildad's speech now lost: in every other speech the friends begin with some direct address to Job, or indirect reference to him; Du. prefixes 26²⁻⁴ which contains such an opening, but does not contain an antecedent to *with him*.

2b. Cp. Is. 24²¹ (with n. there) and cc. 9¹³ 26^{12f.} (with notes).

3. *Troops . . . light*] not very obvious parallel terms, but possible, if we think of the troops as the "host of heaven." Even so, however, ^{3b} remains rather strange, for *arise* (קום: cp. 11¹⁷) is not expressed by the usual word (זרח) for the rising of the sun, and the idea of Mt. 5⁴⁵, that God graciously causes His sun to shine on all creatures, is obviously out of place here. The idea, if the text is right, is rather that of Heb. 4¹³ (Peake): no-one is concealed from God; no-one can secretly withdraw himself from His dominion. But G (see phil. n.), keeping up the fig. of ^a, and giving to the verbal idiom a well-established sense, reads *And against whom doth not his ambush rise up* (קום על, cp. Dt. 19¹¹).

4-6. A mere variation of Eliphaz's words in 15¹⁴⁻¹⁶ (cp. 4^{17ff.}), insisting on a point admitted by Job in 9²: cp. 14⁴.

- ⁴ How then can man be just beside God?
 Or how can he be pure that is born of a woman?
⁵ Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,
 And the stars are not pure in his sight:
⁶ How much less man that is a maggot!
 And the son of man, which is a worm!

XXVI. ¹ Then Job answered and said,

- ² How hast thou helped him that is without power!
 How hast thou saved the arm that hath no
 strength!

4. *Beside God*] i.e. "having a righteousness independent of God's"—Dr.

5. *Moon . . . stars*] without mention of the sun, as Ps. 84⁽³⁾: in 15¹⁵ "his holy ones . . . the heavens": 4¹⁷ "his servants . . . his angels."

6. *Son of man*] in Job only here, and perhaps 16²¹.—*Maggot*] or worm of decay and corruption (7⁵ 17¹⁴): the term in ^b also expresses "the idea of extreme abasement (Is. 41¹⁴, Ps. 22⁶)"—Dr.

XXVI. 2-4. Job, if the words are his, ironically acknowledges the help which he has received from Bildad's speech; such abundant and effective wisdom (cp. 12^{2f.}) must have God as its ultimate source (^{4b})—as Eliphaz, indeed, had claimed (15¹¹). But the sustained use of the 2nd pers. sing. in the address (see below on v.²), and perhaps also the interrogative opening so customary with the friends (4² n.), but only once employed by Job (19²), suggest that the lines may be the misplaced opening of Bildad's third speech. In this case Bildad is taunting Job: By your charges against God you have represented Him as weak and ignorant (cp. 22¹³ Eliphaz); but how have you helped and illumined Him with your wisdom uttered at such length? (^{3b}: cp. 8² 18²). Whence have you such wisdom that you venture to instruct even God? To which question Bildad leaves unexpressed the obvious answer: there is no wisdom above the wisdom of God: so Du. explains; but the interpretation is perhaps a little laboured.

2. *Thou*] so ¹. 3a. b 4a. b. There is no other example of such

³ How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,

And plentifully declared sound knowledge!

⁴ 'To' whom hast thou uttered words?

And whose spirit came forth from thee?

sustained address by Job to one of the friends alone. Job's general habit is to address all three together in the 2nd pers. pl.; so in reply to Eliphaz, 6²¹⁻²⁴, 26-29 16², 4f. 17¹⁰; to Bildad, 19^{2f}, 5f. 21f. 28f.; to Šophar, 12^{2f}, 13², 4-13, 17 21², 3a (b 3), 5, 27, 29, 34. The rare instances of the sing. in address to one of the friends alone are: to Eliphaz 16³, to Šophar 12^{7f}. (probably not original), 21^{3b} (11), not 6): there is no instance in the previous replies to Bildad. Eliphaz in 15^{9f}. (scarcely also in 4²) and Bildad in 8⁹ 18^{2f}. speak in the pl. as expressing not their individual, but their common standpoint; at other times Eliphaz (4^{8, 12f}, 5^{3, 8} 15^{6, 17}) and Šophar (20^{2f}), but not Bildad, use the sing. There is nothing in Bildad's brief speech in c. 25, nor in 26⁵⁻¹⁴, if that be considered the misplaced conclusion to it, to account for this very exceptional use of the 2nd pers. sing. in addressing him.—*Him that is without power*] i.e. (if the words are Job's) Job himself, not (Mercerius, Schlottm., Ehrlich) God; but God, if the words are Bildad's.—*The arm*] the seat of strength: cp. 40⁹, and, e.g., Hos. 7¹⁵, Ezk. 30^{24f}.

3. *Sound knowledge*] the term תושיה (5¹² n. and phil. n.) has been previously used by Job, Eliphaz, and Šophar, but not Bildad.

4. *To whom*] or, rather, *with whose help*? With God's? This certainly gives the better parallelism to ^b. If we read or render (see phil. n.) *to whom*, the point is: will you really teach me, who have no need of such teaching? (cp. Is. 28⁹).

4b. You cannot but have spoken by the inspiration of God (and ^a by His help: see phil. n.): so rightly Di. Da. explain. The meaning is not: you have borrowed what you have to say from Eliphaz (Del.), or from me, Job (in cc. 9, 12, Bu.): you are comforting me with words that you have plagiarized! (Bu.).

5-14. The power of God extends to Sheol (^{5f}), and is manifested in the incidents of Creation (^{10a} 12 (13)) and the recurring marvels of the enduring order of the world (7-9, 10b, 11 (7 13)). In

⁵ The shades do tremble

Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.

the probably mutilated state of the text in cc. 25-27 (see Introduction), it is uncertain whether these vv. originally formed part of a speech of Job, or continued the speech of Bildad, following 25³ (Peake), or less probably 25⁶ (Reuss, Du. al.). The same general theme—the might and marvellous works of God—is handled elsewhere by Job (9⁵⁻¹³ 12⁽⁷⁻¹⁰⁾ 15 : more distantly parallel is the remainder of 12⁷⁻²⁵) : but it is also more briefly touched on by Eliphaz (5^{9f.} 22¹²), Sophar (11⁷⁻⁹), and by Bildad (25^{2f.}) ; and it forms a main theme of the speeches of Yahweh. So far, then, ⁵⁻¹⁴ might well occur in a speech either of Job or of one of the friends. But the theme is not closely related (ct. c. 9) to the opening of the speech (2⁻⁴), nor to what purports to be its continuation (after a pause, 27¹) in 27^{2ff.}. It is said, indeed, that Job's object is to show that he can outdo Bildad's brief attempt in 25²⁻³⁽⁶⁾ (Bu.), or that he stands in no need of instruction (cp. ^{4a}) in the greatness of God (Da.) ; but neither the one nor the other object is really indicated in the present text ; and something has perhaps been lost between ⁴ and ⁵, if both ²⁻⁴ and ⁵⁻¹⁴ originally formed part of Job's speech. The connection is not improved by following C, which omits ^{5-11. 14^a. b} (cp. Hatch, *Biblical Greek*, 225) : this, too, would leave the treatment of the theme in c. 26 as brief as in c. 25.

5. The text is probably in some disorder (see phil. n.). A mere change in the accentuation gives an—at least formally—better distich :

The shades do tremble beneath,

The waters and the inhabitants thereof.

For *the shades beneath*, cp. "Sheol beneath," Is. 14⁹ ; for the "waters," regarded as "under the earth," and therefore a possible parallel term to "the shades beneath," cp. Ex. 20⁴, Dt. 4¹⁸ 5⁸. But the combination of the waters, the shades, and the inhabitants of the waters, *i.e.* the fishes, is strange ; and the text may have suffered more seriously. As a *continuation* of 25² (the fear of God secures peace in the heights

of heaven), 26⁵ (and causes those in the depths of Sheol to tremble) would be admirable; but the v. is by no means so suitable as the *beginning* of Job's rejoinder to Bildad, as Di.'s attempt to justify it as such shows: "*Not the heavenly beings alone (as Bildad has said), but, says Job, even the shades in the lowest deeps tremble before him*"; if what is here (though not by Di.) italicized had been intended, it would surely have been expressed.—*The shades*] רפאים as in Ps. 88¹¹ (10) (|| the dead), Pr. 2¹⁸ (|| death) 9¹⁸ (|| "her guests in the depths of Sheol"), 21¹⁶, Is. 14⁹ 26¹⁴ (|| "the dead")^{19†}: so in Phœn., "No seed among the living under the sun, nor resting-place with the shades" (Tabnith Inscription, l. 8; Cooke, *NSI* 4): "may they have no resting-place with the shades, nor be buried in the grave" (Eshmun'azar's Inscription: *CIS* 1³, Cooke, 5)—both passages of about 300 B.C. The term quite clearly denotes the inhabitants of Sheol, who had once lived on earth; and to the author of Is. 14^{9†} it denoted them as the weak and feeble survivals of once lusty beings of flesh and blood. It is unlikely, therefore, that in and by itself it meant or implied *giants* (ΣΤΥ ΘΣ'Α here, Du.: cp. Peake), and, if the context really required such a reference, it would be better to assume that words now lost defined the special "shades" intended as those of the primeval giants (cp. "the shades, all the bell-wethers of earth; all the kings of the nations," Is. 14⁹). For etymological speculations, which do not determine the meaning placed on the term by late Hebrew writers, cp. n. on Is. 14⁹; *EBi. s.v. DEAD.*—*The waters*] of the sea (cp. v.¹⁰, Gn. 1^{9†}, 22), on the surface of which the earth was regarded as spread out (Ps. 136⁶) or built (Ps. 24²); where there was no dry land spread out or built upon and so concealing those waters, they appear as seas or rivers, or give evidence of their presence by springs welling up from below (Gn. 7¹¹); but even these visible waters were, according to Hebrew mode of speech, "under the earth" (Ex. 20⁴, Dt. 4¹⁸); what was under the waters was therefore *à fortiori* under the earth.—*The inhabitants*] of the waters must be the fish in them; alike the great monsters of the deep and the smaller fish with which the waters swarm (cp. Gn. 1^{21†}, Ps. 8⁹ (8) 98⁷): a special reference to the

- ⁶ Sheol is naked before him,
 And Abaddon hath no covering:
⁷ Who stretcheth out the north over empty space,
 (And) hangeth the earth upon nothing:

great monsters (cp. Peake) might be more appropriate, but is not in the present text: on the other hand, the strange description of the shades as being under the fishes is not necessarily expressed by the text, but disappears if we place the comma after "beneath"; see above. With "beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof" might be compared "who spread out the earth and all that came out of it" (Is. 42⁵); but there, though the zeugma is extreme, the allusion to all that comes out of the earth is entirely suitable to the context.

6. Cp. Pr. 15¹¹, Ps. 139^{7f.}, Am. 9^{2f.}. Sheol, stripped, with all covering that could screen it removed, lies exposed to the eye of God and defenceless before Him.—*Abaddon*] a term for Sheol as the place of destruction: so Pr. 15¹¹ 27²⁰ (coupled with Sheol), c. 28²² (coupled with Death), Ps. 58¹² (|| the grave), c. 31¹² †. In Rev. 9¹¹ = Ἀπολλύων.

7, 8. Sheol conceals no mystery from God (⁶); and of what are to men the mysteries of earth ^{7(a).b}, and sky ⁸, God is Himself the cause, and, as such, cognizant of them; He hangs the earth with its inconceivable weight on nothing, and keeps it so suspended; He uses the clouds as vast water-skins to hold the rain, and they do not split in spite of the immense weight of the rain-water within them; the Hebrews had no conception of the contents of the clouds being the light vapour of water.—*Stretcheth out*] the vb. (נטה) is that commonly used of stretching out the tent (-coverings over the supporting poles): see, e.g., Gn. 12⁸, Jer. 10²⁰; hence it is used of stretching out the heavens (9⁸, Zec. 12¹, and frequently in Is. 40-66, e.g., 45¹²), which were conceived as the coverings of a vast tent (Is. 40²², Ps. 104²). If it is here used of the earth (see next n.), it is so used exceptionally and as a synonym of רקע *beat, spread out*, the vb. used of the earth in Is. 42⁵ 44²⁴, where נטה is used of the heavens (another term used of the earth in parallelism with נטה of the heavens is יסד, Zec. 12¹, Is. 51¹³).—*The north*] this

⁸ Who bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds,

And the cloud is not rent under them :

⁹ Who closeth in the face of 'his' throne,

Spreading his cloud upon it.

might mean (1) the northern and highest region of the heavens: cp. Is. 14¹³, though some think that even here "the north" is the northern part of the earth; or (2) the northern part of the earth, as Ps. 89¹³, Is. 43⁶. The vb. (see last n.) strongly favours meaning (1) here; and, as against this, it is inconclusive to plead that the dome of sky was thought to be supported by pillars (cp. ¹¹) at the horizon. Since (see last n.) the sky was certainly conceived as a tent-covering, the question may easily have presented itself: how is this vast tent-covering held up without any *central* tent-pole or poles such as earthly tents require, whether the pavilion of a monarch on campaign, puny though it be by comparison, or the constant home of the nomad: see *EBi.* 4970 f. for illustrations and descriptions of central pole(s). But if the usage of the vb. may be disregarded, and meaning (2) adopted, ⁷ is entirely concerned with the earth, and ⁸ with the (clouded) sky.—*Hangeth . . . upon*] i.e. *suspends from* (חָלָהּ as Gn. 40¹⁹, Is. 22²⁴, Ps. 137²), or *suspends over* (as 2 S. 4¹²): the || favours the latter meaning; but the conception then expressed of the earth poised over empty space would be paralleled, if at all, only in 38⁶: moreover, unless we consider the pillars of the earth (9⁶) part of it, constituting, so to speak, its skeleton (Di.), and the waters under it (⁵ n.) also part of it, viz. its foundations (*ib.*), the conception would not be strictly compatible with what is implied by these expressions.

8. For the clouds conceived as, or under the figure of, water-skins, see 38³⁷, Ps. 33⁷ &: for the marvel of rain, Pr. 30⁴; also cc. 36^{27f.} 38³⁴.

9a might also be translated "Who closeth in the face of the full moon," viz. when the moon is eclipsed; but this is less likely, though even the translation above is not free from difficulty; see phil. n. "Jehovah's throne was pictured by the Hebrews as being above the solid firmament of heaven (cp. 37¹⁸, Am. 9⁶): its 'face,' or outside front, was hidden from the

- ¹⁰ He hath ^rmarked out a circle¹ upon the face of the waters,
 Unto the confines of light and darkness.
- ¹¹ The pillars of heaven quiver,
 And are astonished at his rebuke.

view of men upon the earth, partly by this firmament, partly by the clouds underneath it" (cp. 22^{13, 14})—Dr.

10. "The ancients supposed the earth to be a flat disk encircled by waters [cp. ⁵ n.]: and so this v. means that God has "marked out a circle" (corresponding to what we call the 'horizon,' though conceived by the Hebrews as a *fixed* boundary) upon the surface of these waters: along their inner edge rise the mountains supporting the great dome of heaven (cp. Am. 9⁶); and the 'boundary' thus formed marks the confines of light and darkness, because within this dome the heavenly bodies revolve, while outside all is darkness"—Dr. See, further, Whitehouse's art. COSMOGONY in *DB* with the sketch on p. 503.

11. *The pillars of heaven*] the mountains at the horizon conceived as supporting the vault of heaven: see on v.¹⁰. En. 18³ refers to the phrase and wrongly explains it. Even the mountains tremble at the voice, *i.e.* the thunders of God (cp. Ps. 29, 18⁸⁽⁷⁾).—*Rebuke*] here of God speaking angrily in thunder: cp. Ps. 18¹⁶⁽¹⁵⁾ 104⁷ with the parallel and the context.

12 f. There have been two main lines of interpretation of these verses; both vv. have been regarded as instancing either recurrent manifestations of God's power in the phenomena of sea and sky, or mighty acts of God at or before the creation of the world. Some interpret ¹² only in the second sense, ¹³ in the first. The use of the perfect tense in both lines of ¹² and in ^{13b} (^{13a} has no vb.), in contrast to the imperfects and participles of recurrent divine action which predominate in ⁵⁻¹¹, favours the view that the verses—at least ¹²—refer to specific acts at creation, and the correspondence, again most clearly in ¹², to conspicuous features of Babylonian mythology increases this probability. If the reference throughout is to recurrent action, present tenses (as in RV.), *is stilled . . . smiteth*, should be substituted for the pasts in the above translation; if ¹³ as well

¹² Through his power the sea was stilled ;

And by his understanding he smote through Rahab.

¹³ By his wind the heavens are brightened :

His hand pierceth the fleeing serpent.

as ¹² refers to an act at creation, the past should be substituted for the present in ¹³ *were . . . pierced*.

12. The v. is best taken (see last n.) as containing allusions, such as have already occurred in this book (9¹³), to the Hebrew form (in which all creative activity was attributed to Yahweh) of the old Babylonian mythological account of creation: as, in Babylonian story, before the creation of the world, Tiamat, the representative of the sea and disorder, had to be subdued, and as Marduk, in conflict with Tiamat, "seized the spear, and tore her belly, cut her inward parts, pierced her heart, made her powerless, destroyed her life, cast down her body and stood upon it" (*Tablets of Creation*, iv. 101-105: Rogers, *CP*, p. 29), so, in Hebrew popular story, before the creation of the world Yahweh quelled the sea, and, like the wise Marduk of the Babylonian story, who used craft (*ib.* iv. 95-100), not by mere might, but by the use of *his understanding*, slew the sea-monster *Rahab* (see 9¹³ n.). The tenses do not favour the view that a fresh piercing of Rahab every time a stormy sea was hushed, is here referred to.—*Was stilled*] others render, *he stirred up* (to fight): see phil. n.—*He smote through Rahab*] cp. Is. 51⁹.

13. "The v. describes how, after a storm, the wind,—God's 'breath' (as Is. 40⁷),—clearing away the clouds, brightens the sky; and how the 'fleeing serpent' (cp. Is. 27¹), which was popularly supposed to be the cause of darkness at an eclipse (cp. 3⁸), is destroyed by His power, and the light of the sun restored"—Dr. On this view of the v., for which see also Di. Da. Del. Peake, the writer returns from illustrating the power of God shown in His mighty acts at creation (¹²) to examples of His recurrent activity in nature (cp. 5-11); and perhaps ¹⁴ more naturally attaches to examples of recurrent activity than of unrepeatable acts in the past. Yet the pf. tense in ^b, the similarity of ^b to ^{12b}, and of ^{13b}, ^{12b} combined to Is. 51⁹, together establish a strong presumption for referring ¹³ like ¹² to the

- ¹⁴ Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways ;
 And what a whisper of a word do we hear of him !
 But the thunder of his mighty acts who can comprehend ?

past, though perhaps none of the attempts so to explain it have been entirely satisfactory.

𐤅 ("Spiritus eius ornavit caelos, et obstetricante manu eius eductus est coluber tortuosus") and 𐤇 (in which, as in 𐤅 (ct. §), the vbs. in both lines are, as in 𐤇 in ^b, in the pf.) understand the v. to refer to the clearing up of the heavens at creation (cp. Gn. 1st.) and to the creation of Leviathan (cp. 3⁸), which 𐤇 definitely names here. But modern interpreters of the v. appeal for support to the parallelism of ¹² with the Babylonian story, which parallelism, it is contended, with considerable probability, continues in ¹³; and to 𐤇. 𐤇, though it implies in ^a a Hebrew text very slightly differing from 𐤇, gives ^a a very different sense, viz. *The bars of heaven shuddered before him*: this is adopted by Gunkel (*Schöpfung u. Chaos*, 36 f.), who sees in ^a an allusion to the bars or bolts which were forbidden to let water stream down from heaven, except when God permitted, and shuddered to disobey the divine command. It will be convenient to cite the lines of the Creation story (iv. 130-132, 135, 137-141; Rogers, *CP* 25 ff.) most immediately concerned:

"With his merciless club he broke her (Tiamat's) skull,
 He cut through the channels of her blood,
 And he made the North wind bear it away to secret places.
 Then the lord rested, he gazed upon her dead body,
 He split her open like a flat (?) fish into two halves;
 One half of her he established as a covering for heaven.
 He fixed a bolt, he stationed a watchman,
 He commanded them not to let her waters come forth."

But the "bars of heaven shuddered" would be a strange way of alluding to this. We might rather surmise that the allusion to the myth lies not in the *bars* of 𐤇, but the *wind* of 𐤇 (the remainder of ^a being corrupt). For the part played by the wind in the conflict with Tiamat, cp. the third of the lines just cited, and, *e.g.*, iv. 45-48:

He created an evil wind, a tempest, a hurricane,
 A fourfold wind, a sevenfold wind, a whirlwind, a wind beyond compare.
 He sent forth the winds, which he had created, the seven of them,
 To disturb the inner parts of Tiamat, they followed after him.

In the "fleeing serpent" of ^b, following Rahab in ^{12b}, Gu. sees evidence that the Hebrew myth spoke of two creatures slain by Yahweh, as the Babylonian myth speaks of Kingu as well as Tiamat. Daiches (*ZA*, 1911, p. 3) finds in ^a a statement of the creation of the heavens, in ^b of the creation of the sea, in agreement (as he argues) with the order of events after the slaying of Tiamat in the Babylonian story; but see phil. n.

14. Marvellous as are the ways of God just described, what is indescribable is immeasurably more marvellous; the story of

XXVII. ¹ And Job again took up his discourse, and said,
² As God liveth, who hath taken away my right;
 And the Almighty, who hath embittered my soul;

His mighty acts comes through to man as a mere whisper of the thunder of their far distant reality. Even what God does is but partially and faintly heard: how much less can the reason for what He does be discovered! such is probably the indirect suggestion of the v.

XXVII. This c. (1) opens with an introductory formula stating that Job is the speaker, although it immediately follows what is, according to 26¹, a speech of Job; (2) is, for the most part of its contents, entirely at variance with the standpoint of Job, and in entire agreement with the standpoint of the friends. Both these features are probably due to dislocations of the text in this part of the book; see on cc. 25, 26^{2-4, 5-14} and Introduction. While ²⁻⁶ clearly, ¹² probably, and perhaps ¹¹ belong to a speech of Job's, ⁷⁻¹⁰ and ¹³⁻²³ are most naturally referred to one of the friends, and perhaps formed parts of the apparently missing third speech of Šophar.

I. *Took up his discourse, and said*] So 29¹, Nu. 23^{7, 18} 24^{3, 15, 20, 21, 23}; see n. in *Numbers*, p. 344 f.—*Again*] after c. 26, though no other speaker has intervened (cp. 34¹ 35¹ 36¹ 40¹). If dislocation of the text is not assumed (see above), it is usual to assume that Job pauses for Šophar to reply, and finding him silent resumes his own speech.

2-6. Job once again maintains, and now for the first time with a solemn oath (cp. 31^{5ff.}), his integrity, and that his manner of life in no way accounts for the calamities that have befallen him; that these, on the contrary, prove not his unrighteousness, but God's perversion of his right; and, consequently, that it would be a profane thing for him (⁵) to admit that his friends had spoken the truth. These verses read quite like the *beginning* of a speech of Job; and do not require, scarcely even allow, 26²⁻⁴ as an introduction to them. They are not very intimately related to what survives of Bildad's speech, even if 26⁵⁻¹⁴ be referred to him, nor to 27^{7-10, 13-23} conjecturally attributed to Šophar.

- ³ (For all my breath is still in me,
And the spirit of God is in my nostrils;)
⁴ Surely my lips do not speak unrighteousness,
Neither doth my tongue utter deceit.
⁵ Be it far from me! Surely I will not justify you!
Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me.
⁶ My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go:
My heart doth not reproach any one of my days.

2. Job swears by God, though in the very terms of the oath he charges God with doing him injustice.—*Taken away my right*] 34⁵: cp. (with הטה for הסיר) Dt. 24¹⁷ 27¹⁹, 1 S. 8³, the milder complaint against God in Is. 40²⁷, and the antithetical phrase in c. 36⁶.—*Embittered my soul*] cp. “the bitterness of my soul,” 7¹¹ 10¹; “a bitter soul,” 21²⁵.

3. The parenthesis “is intended to add strength to Job’s protestation: though worn by his disease, he still has life and energy to make it”—Dr. The alternative translation (see phil. n.), *all the while my breath is in me*, would only be suitable (cp. Ps. 146^{2f.}) if Job were swearing that (⁴) he would always in the future speak truth: and here he is swearing to the fact that he always has spoken and still does speak truth.

5. *Justify you*] Admit your charges to be true.—*I will not put away my integrity*] the equivalent, stated negatively, of “I will hold fast to my integrity” (cp. 23. 9). To allow the charges of the friends to pass as true—a course repudiated in ^a—would make Job a liar, and so impair his integrity (1¹ n.).

6. *Heart*] Conscience, as 1 S. 24^{6 (5)}. Never had Job committed such sins as to account for his calamities.

7-10. The speaker—not Job, but possibly Šophar (see above)—expresses the wish (ct. 31²⁹) that his enemy may be overtaken by the unhappy lot of the wicked, in particular, that he may—as Job does now (9^{15f.} 13²⁴ 19⁷ 30²⁰)—find God deaf to him when trouble befalls him (^{8f.}). Such an execration would be intelligible in the mouth of the friends who hold the fate of the wicked to be the worst of fates, but not in the mouth of Job; for in his mouth it would mean: May my enemy prosper in life and be honoured in death (cp. e.g. 21^{7ff.} 29-33)!]

[ŞOPHAR (?)]

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked,

And let him that riseth up against me be as the un-
righteous.

Two attempts to explain the words as Job's may be referred to. "The words being inconsistent with the condition of Job's mind as revealed in his speeches, it is supposed (*a*) that he has at last found his way to an assured trust in God, or that such a trust has suddenly, after the attacks of his friends are ended, flashed upon him, and filled his mind with the hope of a restoration to God's favour (Ew. Di.). This altered frame of mind, however, though not in itself inadmissible, is difficult to reconcile with what follows: for in 30^{20, 23} Job expresses again the same thought, which *ex hypothesi* he would have overcome; he denies, precisely as he has done throughout the debate, that God listens to his cry. And similarly in 31³⁵⁻³⁷ he treats God *still* as his adversary. At the same time it is conceivable that the author only intended to represent Job as having gained a *temporary* calmness of mind, which afterwards, as the contrast between his past and present condition forces itself upon him (cc. 30-31), he fails to maintain. The alternative (*b*) is to conclude that the implicit reference is to Job's *past* condition, and to suppose that the state of mind which Job denies to the ungodly is suggested by memories of his own former condition, as described in c. 29, when the tokens of God's friendship were abundantly bestowed upon him. Upon this view the words are considered to be introduced here as a *continuation* of vv.²⁻⁶, as though to say: How could one have ever been tempted to sin, who knew so well the miserable mental state into which the sinner falls? (Hengstenberg partly; Budde [*ZATW*, 1882], pp. 205-210, and in his *Comm.*"—Dr. *LOT*⁹ 422. Bu. in the interests of this interpretation places 7 after 10.

7. For the form of speech, cp. Nu. 23¹⁰. To wish the best for oneself—the lot of the righteous, and the worst for one's enemy—the lot of the wicked, was, in spite of better teaching (Pr. 24¹⁷), doubtless the average moral practice of the day, and this the author might readily attribute to any one of the three representatives of the normal religious dogma: he represents Job as governed by a higher morality (31^{20f.}).—*Mine enemy*] obviously quite general—any one who is my enemy, as, *e.g.*, in Ex. 23⁴. It is only, if the v. is assigned to Job, that artificial interpretation is required to establish a connection with ²⁻⁶: Di., *e.g.*, explains: Let not me, but my enemy, *i.e.* him who denies my righteousness (v.^{5f.}), be, *i.e.* appear, as the one who is in the wrong.

- ⁸ For what is the hope of the godless, when he ¹is¹ cut off,
 When God ¹requireth¹ his soul?
⁹ Will God hear his cry,
 When trouble cometh upon him?
¹⁰ Will he delight himself in the Almighty,
 (And) call ¹unto¹ God at all times?

[JOB]

- ¹¹ I will teach you concerning the hand of God;
 That which is in the mind of the Almighty will I not conceal.
¹² Behold all ye yourselves have seen it;
 Why then are ye become altogether vain?

8. *Is cut off*] cp. Is. 38¹². But in this context the expression almost seems to imply that, in contrast to the wicked, the righteous, when he is "cut off," has a hope of immortality. But if so, the clause is inconsistent with the standpoint of the book. See, further, phil. n.—*Requireth*] ~~fit~~ *draweth out*.

10a. Cp. 22^{26a} (Eliphaz).

11, 12. In ¹¹ (as in ¹²) the pron. *you* is pl.; unless this be corrected to the sing. (see phil. n.), ¹¹ as well as ¹² must be part of a speech of Job to the friends. Apart from the question of the pron., v.¹¹ would be equally suitable in the mouth of either Job or one of the friends; each claims to know the *hand*, or action, and the mind of God, in regard to the righteous and the unrighteous. In ¹² the 2nd plural (four times) is too deeply embedded in the text for the v. to be anything but a part of Job's address through one to all three of the friends (cp. n. on 26²); if the pl. in ¹¹ is right, the vv. may have stood together: I will teach you how God treats the righteous and the unrighteous (v.¹¹), though, as a matter of fact, you ought not to need to be taught facts of life which stare you in the face (^{12a}); yet you do, for (^{12b}) your entire conduct of your argument has no relation to reality (see phil. n.). But that such a prelude should, in the mouth of Job, be followed by ¹³⁻²³, cannot be shown to be probable (see on ¹³⁻²³).

13-23. The unhappy fate of the wicked man as described, perhaps by Šophar, in any case, not by Job.

[ŞOPHAR (?)]

¹³ This is the portion of a wicked man 'from' God,
And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from
the Almighty.

¹⁴ If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword;
And his offspring are not satisfied with bread.

For it would be "remarkable (a) that Job should undertake to teach his friends what they had continuously maintained, viz. the evil fate which overtakes the wicked; (b) that he should himself affirm the opposite of what had been his previous position, viz. that an evil fate does *not* overtake the wicked (9²²⁻²⁴; c. 21: c. 24); (c) that while coinciding with his friends in opinion, he should reproach them with folly" (¹²). "The solution commonly offered of this difficulty is that Job is here modifying his former extravagant expressions respecting the prosperity of the wicked, and conceding that, *as a rule*, or *often*, a disastrous fate overtakes them. But, as Professor Davidson remarks: (a) the limitation, 'as a rule,' has to be read into the passage, for the language is as absolute as that of any of his friends; (b) if the passage be a retraction of Job's previous language, it is a retraction which errs equally in extravagance on the other side: for it asserts a law of temporal retribution without any apparent qualification whatever; (c) it is singular that in describing the fate of the wicked at God's hands, Job should use the same figures, and even sometimes the same words, which he employs when speaking of his own destruction by God (²¹, cp. 9¹⁷ 30²⁰; ²², cp. 16¹³; ²³, cp. 17⁶ 30⁹⁻¹⁴). Perhaps, however, this coincidence is accidental. A decidedly better explanation is that of Schlottmann and Budde (*ZATW*, 1882, p. 211 ff.), who suppose the passage to be spoken by Job *with an eye to his three friends*: v. ¹¹ he ironically declares that he will 'teach' them, which he does by forthwith turning their own weapons against them; they *know* (^{12a}) what the fate of the wicked man is, and yet they strangely do not see that by their wicked insinuations against Job they are invoking it deliberately upon themselves! Job has spoken strongly before of the wrong done to him by his friends (13⁴, 7, 9 19^{2f}, 21³⁴), and has threatened them with Divine vengeance (13^{10f}, 19²⁹); and here, upon this view, he holds up to them, if they will make the application, a more distinct warning" (Dr. *LOT*⁹ 422 f.). This seems to be the only explanation "which, while leaving the text as it is, and retaining the passage for Job, gives it a logical place in his argument. But it must be admitted that this explanation is artificial, and that there is nothing in 27¹³⁻²³ to suggest that it is spoken with a view to Job's friends: on the other hand, 27⁷⁻¹⁰, 13-23 would be perfectly suitable in Şophar's mouth, and consistent with what he has maintained before" (c. 20)—Dr. *Job*, p. 77.

13. Cp. 20²⁹ (Şophar).

14, 15. The wicked man may have many children and family connections, and so (cp. e.g. Ps. 127³⁻⁵, and see on 1²)

- ¹⁵ Those that survive of him are buried in death,
And 'their' widows weep not.
- ¹⁶ Though he heap up silver as the dust,
And prepare raiment as the clay;
- ¹⁷ He may prepare it, but the just putteth it on,
And the innocent divideth the silver.
- ¹⁸ He buildeth his house as the 'spider',
And as a booth which the keeper maketh.

apparently be an object of God's favour; but he lives to see them come to an untimely end through sword, famine, and pestilence. Cp. 5⁴ (Eliphaz), 18¹⁹ (Bildad), 20¹⁰ (Şophar); ct. 21⁸ (Job). Şophar might insinuate the conclusion that as Job's children had come to an untimely end, Job must be unrighteous; Job would not himself make his cruellest loss prove his dearest conviction, that of his own integrity, false.

15. This v. appears to mean: ^a those belonging to the wicked man who *survive* (cp. 18¹⁹ phil. n.) the sword and famine of ¹⁴ perish by the pestilence—*death* having this sense, as in Jer. 15² 18²¹; these not merely die by the pestilence, but receive no other burial than they receive from it, *i.e.* they lie unburied; and ^b (cp. Ps. 78⁶⁴) they lack the solemn funeral wailing which their widows would normally have supplied. For the aggravation of death by lack of burial, cp. *e.g.* 2 K. 9¹⁰, Jer. 8² 14¹⁶; by the lack of the correct ceremonial of death and funeral, Jer. 22^{10, 19}.—*In death*] rather *by death*.—*Their widows*] *His widows*, which, unless it means *the widow of each one of them* (see phil. n.), would implicitly anticipate the death of the wicked man, which is not directly referred to before ¹⁹, even if there (see n. there); it would also imply that in his lifetime he was a polygamist.

16, 17. Similarly the wicked man may for a time acquire much money and great possessions—here the man's wardrobe is taken as typical of the latter—but only to part with them; his money and goods pass over to the righteous.

16. For the comparisons, cp. Zec. 9³.

18. Cp. 8^{14f.} (Bildad), ct. 21⁹ (Job). The house of the wicked man, however strongly he may build it and however

19 He lieth down rich, but 'doeth so' no 'more';
He openeth his eyes, and he is not.

permanent he may intend it to be, quickly collapses: it is actually as fragile as a spider's web, and has no longer endurance than that most temporary of human habitations, the booth (Is. 1⁸) or shelter made of boards and matting for the use of watchmen in vineyards or gardens during the summer, which readily falls to pieces in the storms of autumn and winter; see the picture of a modern "booth" in *SBOT, Isaiah*, p. 162.—*Spider*] cp. 8¹⁴; this rather than *moth* (~~U~~) is to be read.

19. A day comes when the wicked man goes to bed rich for the last time; next morning he wakes up to find himself dead (cp. Is. 37³⁶), or, translating in ^b *and it* (viz. his wealth) *is not*, shorn of his riches. Dr., in the above translation and in the phil. n., with Ew. Di. Da. Del. al., refers this v. to the *death* of the wicked man. But (1) in 20-23 the wicked man is depicted as still alive to experience the bitterness of his fallen fortunes; (2) to continue rich to the last hour of life is rather the privilege (from the standpoint of the current theory of the lot of the righteous and the unrighteous) of the righteous than the fate of the wicked; it is Job's complaint (21¹³) that, against the current theory, the facts of life show the wicked spending their days in prosperity, and then, when they must share the lot of all mankind, going down easily and in a moment to Sheol. For these reasons we may preferably, with, e.g., Hi. Bu., treat the v. as referring to the sudden loss of the wicked man's wealth.—*But doeth so no more*] or, *but does not again* (sc. lie down rich); ~~U~~ *and is not gathered*, i.e. to the grave in burial.—*He openeth his eyes, and he is not*] if this line refers to death (but see above), cp. 2 K. 19³⁵ "when they rose up early in the morning, behold dead corpses were they all."

20-23. The last scene; but even here the death of the wicked man is not depicted; death, which comes even to good men, is too good for him; he is depicted as flooded by waters or hurled by the tempest out of his house where he had once seemed to himself so rich and secure, the mark of God's arrows, hurled unsparingly at him, and the object of man's

- ²⁰ Terrors overtake him like waters;
 In the night a whirlwind stealeth him away.
²¹ The sirocco carrieth him away, and he departeth;
 And it sweepeth him out of his place.
²² And (God) hurleth at him, and spareth not;
 He fleeth away from (before) his hand.
²³ Men clap their hands at him,
 And hiss at him from his place.

merciless contempt and scorn—a terror-stricken fugitive from God and man.

20a. Cp. (implicitly) 20²⁸ (Sophar), 22¹¹ (Eliphaz).—*Terrors* בלֹהוֹת: 18^{11, 14} (Bildad), 24¹⁷ 30¹⁵ (Job).—*Whirlwind* 21¹⁸ 37⁹.

21. *Sirocco* 15² 38²⁴; cp. 1¹⁹ n.

22. God, unnamed in הוּ, as in 3²⁰ (n.), is the subject. The object, too, of *hurleth* must be understood; the arrows of God, i.e. the lightnings, are probably intended (cp. 16¹³). This is the one v. in the entire description in which God, though even here unnamed, is referred to; partly on this ground, partly on the ground that ²¹ comes haltingly after ²⁰, and ²² in its present position is very much “post festum,” Bu. omits ^{21f} but retains ²³ as against G, which omits ²¹⁻²³ (so Bi.). See, further, phil. n.

23. Cp. 22¹⁹ (Eliphaz).—*Clap their hands* in malicious delight: cp. La. 2¹⁵, where also *hiss* (cp. Zeph. 2¹⁵, Jer. 49¹⁷) occurs in the parallel, and with a different vb., Nah. 3¹⁹.

XXVIII. The c. is an independent poem ¹ on the limitations of human achievement and, in contrast, the incomparable and inscrutable wisdom of God, rather than a speech either of Job,

¹ The main argument, that c. 28 was not originally part of the Dialogue, is exegetical; but it may also be noted (1) that the c. avoids the divine names regularly used in the Dialogue; in אֱלֹהִים, occurring nowhere else in the book, or יְהוָה, occurring nowhere else in the Dialogue (for 12⁹ is no real exception), is used, and in אֱלֹהִים, which occurs at most twice (5⁸ 20²⁹) in the Dialogue (as against 90 occurrences in all of אֱלֹהִים, אֵל, and שְׁרֵי): see table in the Introduction; (2) though the occurrence of unique words or meanings in the description of mining and precious stones—subjects not handled elsewhere—has little significance, the occurrence of עֵרָה ⁸, מִלָּה ¹⁶, מִשְׁךְ ¹⁸, which might have been but are not used elsewhere in the book, is noticeable; (3) the use of a refrain (^{11, 20}), is more natural to an independent poem than to a speech in the Dialogue.

or, though this would raise less difficulty, of one of his friends, whether Šophar (Grätz, *Monatsschrift*, 1872, pp. 241-250; Hoffm.) or Bildad (Stuhlm.). It contains no single *obvious* connection with the stage of the debate now reached, and only in ²⁸, which may refer obliquely to ¹, has it any connection whatever with any preceding part of the book. On the other hand, in the mouth of Job it *anticipates*, and that in such a way as to render nugatory, the speech(es) of Yahweh in cc. 38-40. What Yahweh there says, using the very words of ²⁶ in ³⁸^{25b} and, as in ²⁵⁻²⁷ here, illustrating the divine wisdom by reference to certain marvels of creation, is unmistakably addressed to Job with the purpose of bringing him to realize that he does not possess the wisdom of God: consequently what Yahweh there teaches him he would himself here already expound, and that as calmly as if it were a position long reached by himself and generally recognized; for c. 28 is not an argument, but a meditation; it does not attempt to *prove* to the friends or any one else that God's wisdom is unattainable: it *assumes and reflects upon* the truth and its corollary, the limitations of human knowledge: this at least is true of the c. down to ²⁸: only in the last v. does the poem take on a didactic character, and that v. is probably a later addition (see below).

The nature of the attempts to explain the c. as a speech of Job's, and Dr.'s attitude towards them, are indicated in the following citation from *LOT*⁹ 423f. "It might, no doubt, be supposed that Job, no longer irritated by the retorts of his friends, has reached a calmer mood; and abandoning the attempt to discover a *speculative* solution of the perplexities which distress him, finds man's wisdom to consist in the *practical* fulfilment of the duties of life. But a serious difficulty arises in connection with what follows. If Job has risen to this tranquil temper, how comes it that he falls back (30²⁰⁻²³) into complainings, and dissatisfaction at not having been justified by God (31³⁵)? And, further, if he has reached by the unaided force of his own meditations this devout and submissive frame of mind, how is the ironical tone of the Divine speeches (c. 38ff.) to be accounted for? If he is already resigned to the inscrutability of the Divine ways, how does it need again to be pointed out to him? The difficulty is analogous to that arising out of 27⁷⁻⁹: the changed frame of mind, which both appear to imply, is not preserved in the subsequent parts of the book. It is hardly possible that such a noble and characteristic passage can have been inserted into the poem by a later hand. May it be supposed, as was suggested above, on 27⁷⁻¹⁰, that Job's tranquil state of mind was conceived by the author as temporary only? It must, however, be allowed that

there is an imperfect psychological basis even for a temporary recovery of calmness: Job is unmoved by all the arguments of the friends; and no other independent influence (as in cc. 38-39) has been brought to bear upon him. . . . According to Budde, Job's intellectual inability to reconcile his sufferings with his innocence having reached its climax in c. 27, he gives up the problem, explaining his incapacity from the fact that wisdom is reserved by God for Himself: what He has given to man under this name is a practical substitute for wisdom, not wisdom itself. Job, upon this view, accepts the ordinance of Providence, though not in a spirit of resignation, but in dissatisfaction and despair. This explanation brings the chapter into consistency with the context; but it is open to the grave objection that (as Davidson, p. 201, already remarked) no trace of such a state of mind is discernible in the entire chapter: on the contrary, the writer seems to be stating, with an eloquence and warmth which cannot be misunderstood, the conclusions which satisfy himself. Cp. Di.² p. 238, who, however, owns that the chapter so understood cannot state the ground (v.¹ 'for') of what has immediately preceded, and is consequently obliged to assume that something different stood originally in the place of what is now 27¹¹⁻²³ (p. 234). For another explanation of the *for*, see Peake, 245f., or *Enc. Bi.* 2482."

The argument of the poem is: ¹⁻¹¹ Man by his marvellous inventions can discover the secret of the earth's mineral wealth; the hidden treasure of darkness, which bird and beast cannot find (^{7f.}), his eye discovers, and he brings forth to the light for his use; ¹²⁻¹⁹ but where wisdom is, he cannot discover, being as helpless in this quest as birds and beasts, nor with the most precious things which he has won from the earth, can he purchase it; ²⁰⁻²⁷ for wisdom has no home, or secret lodging, on earth; it is known to God alone, who discovered it long ago, and by it made the world with all its marvels. ²⁸ God does not part with this wisdom to man (for man's work is other than God's and needs it not), but commends to him as his wisdom to fear God and avoid evil—in other words, to take Job as his example (cp. 1¹). There is in the last v. a play on two different conceptions of wisdom; wisdom is generally in Hebrew literature practical wisdom, and this wisdom, of which the greater part of Pr. 1-7 may be taken as an exposition, is that referred to in ²⁸ as attainable by man and commended to him by God; but the wisdom with which the greater part of this chapter is concerned is "the knowledge of the principles by which both the phenomena of the physical world (cp. Pr. 3^{19f.}) and the events of human life are regulated" (Dr.)—a concep-

tion of wisdom which to Du. proves that "the author was as certainly acquainted with Greek ideas as Aristobulus and Philo, and may have lived in about the 3rd cent."

Apart from the question already considered, whether this c. or any part of it can have formed an original part of the book, questions have arisen as to the original arrangement and extent of the poem itself: is it complete, or have parts of it been lost? has it been expanded by the incorporation of inconsistent matter? have any of the verses become disarranged? The question of completeness is raised in part by the initial particle, in part by the unexpressed subject of ¹⁻¹¹. "Surely" (v.¹) is a doubtful rendering of ὅτι: if the particle has its usual meaning, *for* or *because*, something obviously must have preceded it; this may have been a strophe introducing the subject of man's attainments and expressly naming man. Du. suggests that the case is met by assuming that an initial refrain, found now (^{12, 20}) only at the beginning of what he regards as the last two of the four equal strophes into which the poem was divided, stood originally also before ¹ and ⁷; this is at first sight attractive, though the resulting second strophe has been well criticized by Peake (on ^{7a}). The poem then opens with the question: where is wisdom to be found, for ¹, since silver and gold have their place and can be discovered, so also should wisdom. But this does not overcome the difficulty of the unexpressed subject in ¹⁻¹¹, nor does full justice to the thought. Man is unquestionably the subject of ^{9a, 10b}, and, in the light of this, other vbs., even if they were originally passive in form, must be understood; consequently the thought is not merely: silver and gold and the rest can be found, wisdom cannot; but: silver and gold and other secret and precious things, however hard to discover and acquire, can be discovered *by man*; indeed the thought of *man's* fruitful activity and attainments is most naturally taken to be the dominant thought of ¹⁻¹¹; and this finds a far more vigorous expression, if it was not introduced by a question suggesting man's limitations. First the poet brings into the highest relief the powers of man, and only then passes on with ^{11ff.} to the limitation of human attainments. The most important question of expansion is connected with ²⁸ and is discussed on that v.: a more extensive interpolation in the middle of the chapter has been claimed by Di. Bi. Hatch, Bu., though they are not all in agreement as to its exact extent. Hatch (*Biblical Greek*, 225) follows $\mathfrak{C}$ in omitting ¹⁴⁻¹⁹: "the sequence of ideas is not in any way disturbed by the omission of the section ¹⁴⁻¹⁹ which amplify the main thought of the passage with singular poetical beauty, but do not add to its substance." Bu. omits ¹⁵⁻²⁰ (*i.e.* both less and more than $\mathfrak{C}$) because they separate the similar vv.^{14, 21ff.}, are poetically feeble (cf. Hatch), and, in asking what is the price of wisdom, presuppose its discoverability and are therefore inconsistent with ¹²⁻¹⁴. But it is rather a question of taste whether the idea of vv.^{14, 21ff.} is best emphasized by being exhausted in consecutive verses or by recurrence to it, and the logical objection to ¹⁵⁻²⁰ would be inconclusive, even if it were as pointed as is suggested. As a matter of fact, the verses do not ask what is the price of wisdom, but say that at no possible price can man acquire it, and this is in entire sympathy with what has been already claimed to be the dominant

¹ Surely there is a mine for silver,
And a place for gold which they wash out.

note of ¹⁻¹¹; in spite of all his attainments and acquired wealth, man cannot at any price obtain wisdom. Bu. also omits ⁵⁶, and, perhaps rightly, ²⁴ (see below). On the possible transpositions of lines in ¹⁰⁶, see below: two transpositions more related to the general thought of the c. may be mentioned here: Du. places ²⁴, as applicable to man, after ¹¹, considering that in its present position it suggests as against the thought of the c. that wisdom is to be found on earth. Peake places ⁷⁶ after ¹²; but the contrast secured by their present position between man's superiority in knowledge to all other living things, and his inferiority to God is effective.

I. By driving in shafts men obtain silver and gold ore from the dark (cp. ³) secret interior of the earth, and then, at the surface of the mine, after crushing the ore, they wash the pure and precious metal free from the other components of the ore.—[*Surely*] or, rather, *for*; see above and phil. n.—[*Mine*] Palestine is poor in minerals, and mining, unlike agriculture, enriched the speech and literature of Israel with no figures or metaphors. The only other reference to mining in the OT. is Dt. 8⁹, where Canaan is described as “a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper”; the first of these clauses does not necessarily refer to iron *mines*, but the second clearly refers to copper mines (see Dr. *ad loc.*). In part, at least, the poet is almost certainly referring to mines *outside* Palestine, which he may himself have seen when travelling, or heard of from others. Thus he may have had in mind the mines of Lebanon (iron: Seetzen, *Reisen*, i. 188–190); Idumæa (copper and “formerly” gold: Jer. in Lagarde, *Onom.* 109⁴⁻⁸); Midian (gold: Burton, *Midian Revisited*, i. 329); Upper Egypt (gold: Erman, *Ancient Egypt*, 463); Lycaonia (silver: *EBi.* s.v. SILVER), and possibly even silver and gold mines of Spain, which were known to the Jews at least as early as the 1st or 2nd cent. B.C. (1 Mac. 8³); but whether the copper mines of the Sinaitic peninsula, frequently referred to in ancient Egyptian inscriptions (Breasted, as cited below), were still being worked as late as the age of this poem is doubtful (Di.): see, further, Di. *EBi.* DB, s.v. MINES; and the reference under Mines to Egyptian sources in Breasted, *Ancient Records*, v. 144.—[*Wash out*] as the use of the same vb. in 36²⁷ shows, the separating

² Iron is taken out of the earth,
And stone is melted into bronze.

process referred to here and in Mal. 3³ (RV. "purge"), Ps. 12⁷⁽⁶⁾ (RV. "purify"), 1 Ch. 28¹⁸ 29⁴ (RV. "refined"), is not by fire, but by water. In the second, no less than in the first line of the distich, the reference is to the skill of man in and about the mine. The brutal treatment of man by man in this work is not referred to (ct. 24^{10f.}). The following description, based on modern observation of ancient workings in Nubia, and the description given by Diodorus Siculus (iii. 11 ff.), may serve as an illustration of what may have been known to the poet by observation or report.

At Eshuranib in Nubia, the plan of the workings of ancient gold mines is plainly to be seen. "Deep shafts lead into the mountain, two cisterns collect the water of the winter's rain, and sloping stone tables stand by them to serve for the gold-washing. . . . Diodorus describes to us the procedure followed in the working of these mines, and his account is confirmed by modern discoveries. The shafts follow the veins of quartz, for this reason winding their way deeply into the heart of the mountain. The hard stone was first made brittle by the action of fire, then hoed out with iron picks. The men who did this hard work toiled by the light of little lamps, and were accompanied by children, who carried away the bits of stones as they were hewn out. This quartz was then crushed in stone mortars into pieces about the size of lentils; women and old men then pounded it to dust in mills; this dust was next washed on sloping tables, until the water had carried off all the lighter particles of stone; the finer sparkling particles of gold were then collected."—Eрман, *Life in Ancient Egypt*, 463 f.

2. As in ¹, ^b refers to the separation of the metal from the ore, ^a probably to the extraction of the ore from the mine. *Iron is taken . . . and stone is melted*] the first vb. can be equally well, and the second is better, pointed as active (see phil. n.): this would be in agreement with the following verses, and more forcible: render, therefore, (man) *takes iron . . . and melts stone*.—*The earth*] Heb. the *dust* (עֶבֶר): cp. "holes of the dust" (i.e. caves) in 30⁶; the shaft of the mine is a great artificial "hole of the dust."—*Bronze*] or *copper*, not *brass*: see *Numbers*, p. 278.—*Stone*] ore: cp. Dt. 8⁹.

3. Even the darkness of the interior of the earth cannot hide its treasures, and so withhold them from man: if, as is commonly supposed, the writer is thinking of the darkness of

- ³ (Man) setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out to every limit
 The stones of thick darkness and black gloom.
- ⁴ He breaketh open a shaft away from them that sojourn 'in
 the light';
 They that are forgotten by the foot (that passeth by);
 That hang afar from men, that swing to and fro.
- ⁵ As for the earth, out of it cometh bread,
 Yet underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
- ⁶ The stones thereof are the place of sapphires,
 And it hath dust of gold.

the mine as dispelled by the daylight let in by the shaft, or, by the light of the miner's lamp, he scarcely knew by personal experience the feeble glimmer of daylight that reaches down a mine shaft, or the darkness made visible by the miner's lamp. But perhaps he wrote something more nearly resembling Du.'s emendation: Man has sought out the darkness to its furthest bound, He has searched out the stones of the deepest darkness: see phil. n.

4. Another verse obscure in detail: probably it refers to man's skill in driving shafts into the earth, possibly also to his audacity in descending into the mine in cages that tremble on the rope. RV. is not a translation of *ח*; against RVm. (= AV.), if it refers to the flooding of a mine, and for various attempts to remove or elucidate the obscure details, see phil. n.

5. Overhead, the peaceful operations of agriculture yielding bread (cp. Ps. 104¹⁴): underneath, confusion and disorder—like that caused by fire, or (*ח*) actually caused by fire, *i.e.* blasting—due to man's restless energy in digging in the bowels of the earth for its hidden treasure.

6. Not only metals, but precious stones reward man's search into the earth. The v. is closely connected with ¹¹, and might have been expected to follow there; Bu. omits ⁵¹. as breaking the connection between ⁴ and ⁷.—*Sapphires*] *lapis lazuli*: see phil. n.—*It*] the pron. is ambiguous, and might refer either to the place, to the sapphire, or (AVm.) to the mine: see phil. n., where Dr. decides in favour of the second possibility: the lapis lazuli has in it particles of iron pyrites

- ⁷ The path (thither) no bird of prey knoweth.
 Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it:
⁸ The proud beasts have not trodden it,
 Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.
⁹ Upon the flinty rock he putteth forth his hand,
 Mountains from the root he overturneth.
¹⁰ Among the rocks he cutteth out passages;
 And every precious thing his eye seeth.
¹¹ He bindeth up the streams that they trickle not;
 And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

which have the hue and colour of gold. A slight emendation gives: and its dust is gold to him (the miner).

7, 8. The path to earth's secret treasures has been won by man only, not by birds with all their keenness of sight (cp. 39²⁹), nor by the great and powerful beasts of prey. This, which must be the meaning of the verses if they are in their right position, seems ridiculous to Du., and unsuitable to Peake (see above). Even if, with Peake, we transfer the verses to follow ¹², the mining operations are not described without interruption: between ⁴ and ⁹ would still stand ⁶ with its return to the description of the contents of the mine.—*Falcon*] a keen-sighted, unclean (Lv. 11¹⁴, Dt. 14^{13†}) bird: not certainly identified.

9-II. Resumption of the description, begun in ^{3, 4}, of the operations of the miner, given as illustrations of man's persistence through difficulties, however great, to his end—the acquisition of treasure.

9. Neither ^a the hardness, nor ^b the mass of the rock, in which the treasure is concealed, can stay man.

10, 11. The lines of the two verses have perhaps suffered transposition (so Du.): 10^a, 11^a are parallels, and so also are 10^b, 11^b; 10^b, 11^b, if taken together after 10^a, 11^a, form a very forcible conclusion (more forcible without, than (Du.) with, ²⁴ added to them) to the description of man's attainments, and a striking preparation for the next paragraph: man discovers and brings to light everything hidden in the earth, but wisdom he cannot find.

10a, 11a. The miner defends himself against the dangers of a flooded mine by staying the water at its source (11^a), and,

- ¹² But where can wisdom be found?
 And where is the place of understanding?
¹³ Man knoweth not the 'way' to it;
 Neither is it found in the land of the living.
¹⁴ The deep saith, It is not in me:
 And the sea saith, It is not with me.
¹⁵ Sterling gold cannot be given for it;
 Neither can silver be weighed as the price of it.
¹⁶ It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
 With the precious onyx or the sapphire.

perhaps (^{10a}), by cutting channels *in* the mine to carry off the water harmlessly; most, however, understand ^{10a} to refer once again to the passages *into* the mine. See, further, phil. n.

12-19. In spite of all his discoveries (¹⁻¹¹), wisdom lies, and always will lie, beyond man's ken (^{13, 14}), or his power to buy (¹⁵⁻¹⁹).

12. *Understanding*] בינה || to חכמה as in Pr. 9¹⁰; cp. חכונה || to חכמה in 12¹², Pr. 3¹³ 8¹—in all these of wisdom in, or accessible to, man.

13. *Way to*] so ע: cp. ^b and ²³. *price of*: see phil. n.—*In the land of the living*] i.e. on earth, man's place during life, in contrast to Sheol (to which ²² refers), whither he descends at death: cp. Ps. 27¹³ 52⁷, Is. 38¹¹ etc.

14. As men traverse the sea they may see marvels (Ps. 107^{23f.}), but get no tidings of wisdom: its home is not in the sea.

15-19. Cp. Pr. 3^{14f.} 8^{10, 11}: there the wisdom that man may find is similarly, though more briefly, described, in order to give a due appreciation of the treasure which man may have without buying; here the wisdom that cannot be found is thus described in order to show how impossible it is to acquire it at any price.

16. *The gold of Ophir*] the most highly prized gold: cp. 22²⁴. —*Onyx*] Heb. *shoham*, a highly prized (cp. Ezk. 28¹³) gem, found in the gold-producing land of Hawilah (Gn. 2^{11f.}); it was used for engraving (Ex. 28⁹), and was one of the gems used for the "breastplate" (Ex. 28²⁰) and ephod (Ex. 25⁷) of the high-priest; but whether it was the onyx (ע here: י generally), or the beryl (ס regularly; ע in Ex. 28²⁰), or malachite (Myers in *EBi.* 4808) is uncertain; see, further, *Lex. EBi. DB, s.v.*;

¹⁷ Gold and glass cannot equal it ;

Neither can the exchange thereof be jewels of fine gold.

¹⁸ No mention can be made of coral or crystal ;

And the acquisition of wisdom is above that of pearls.

¹⁹ The topaz of Ethiopia doth not equal it ;

Neither can it be valued with pure gold.

also *EBi. Stones (precious).—Sapphire*] or strictly *lapis lazuli*, as v.⁶.

17. Glass (see Smith's or Hastings' *DB* and *EBi. s.v.*), being highly prized in antiquity, suitably appears here; cp., for the same combination of gold and glass, Aristophanes, *Ach.* 73 f. ἐπίνουμεν ἐξ ὑαλίνων ἐκπωμάτων καὶ χρυσίδων.—*Jewels of fine gold*] articles, especially perhaps the costliest ornaments, wrought in fine gold: with the phrase (כלי זהב), cp. כלי זהב (EV. "jewels of gold"), Gn. 24⁵³, Ex. 3²² 35²², Nu. 31⁵⁰.

18. *Coral*] ראמנות, Ezk. 27¹⁶ and ? Pr. 24⁷. Again the exact gem or precious substance intended is uncertain (see *Lex. EBi. DB*): Di. infers from the difference in the verbal expressions in ^a and ^b that the objects mentioned in ^a are less costly than those in ^b. On *crystal*, see phil. n.—*Acquisition*] see phil. n. Yahuda (*JQR* xv. 704), taking Heb. *meshek* = Arab. *masak* (see phil. n. on 38³¹), proposes: an armlet of wisdom (cp. Pr. 1⁹ 3²² 6²¹) is more precious than one of pearls; but this does not accord well with the thought that wisdom is unobtainable.—*Pearls*] EV. *rubies*. The Heb. פנינים occurs several times in comparison as the pre-eminently costly gem (Pr. 3¹⁵ 8¹¹ 20¹⁵ 31¹⁰, Sir. 7¹⁹ 30¹⁵). La. 4⁷ apparently suggests that these gems were red (whence G-B. al. *corals*): in spite of this, Bochart, *Hierozoicon*, part ii. bk. v. cc. vi. vii., argued at length in favour of pearls, the meaning adopted, among others, by Del.² Di. Dr. "Rubies is the least probable rend. of the Heb. word; and pearls on the whole the most probable"—Dr.

19. There is a repetition in ^a of the vb. of 17^a, and in ^b of both the vb. and the subject (gold) of 16^a—the only cases of repetition in 15-19. Du.'s suggestion is probable, that 19^a is a variant of 17^a and 19^b of 16^a.—*Topaz*] Ex. 28¹⁷ 39¹⁰, Ezk. 28^{13†}: *Ἰσθ* topaz. "As the modern topaz was hardly known before

²⁰ Whence then cometh wisdom?

And where is the place of understanding?

²¹ Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And kept close from the fowls of the air.

²² Abaddon and Death say,

(Only) with our ears have we heard the rumour of it.

²³ God understandeth the way to it,
And *he* knoweth the place thereof;

²⁴ For *he* looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven:

Greek times, and is indistinguishable, except by its superior hardness, from 'false topaz' or yellow rock-crystal, it is possible that the latter is meant" (Myers in *EBi.* 4503 f.).

20-27. Wisdom, unknown to and unattainable by man ¹²⁻¹⁹, unseen and, at best, known only by rumour on earth and in Sheol, nevertheless has its place, and from before creation all its secrets have been completely known to God.

21 f. Resumptive of ^{14f.}. Sheol has knowledge, which it can impart to the living; but it has no knowledge of wisdom, which, in death as in life, man will for ever fail to find.

21. *All living*] Certainly includes and sometimes refers exclusively or at least mainly to men (¹²¹⁰ ³⁰²³, Ps. ¹⁴³² ¹⁴⁵¹⁶): the line is thus substantially a repetition of ^{13b}. If a fresh point and a better parallel to ^b seem necessary, בל־חיה, *every beast*, must be read for בל־חי, *all living* (Be.^K); in this case the point is: no living creature other than man has knowledge of wisdom, though bird and beast at times have knowledge that man has not (cp. the Serpent of Genesis and Balaam's ass). If ^{ff} is right, birds in ^b are singled out from "all living" in ^a for special reference, as those that fly heavenwards, or as representing the air as a fourth region to earth ¹³, sea ¹⁴, Sheol ²².

22. *Abaddon and Death*, as ²⁶⁶ (n.).

23. God, unlike man ¹³, knows the way to wisdom. The mode of expression is dictated by the antithesis, and is the easier for one who, like the author of Pr. 8, hypostatizes the divine wisdom.

24. Deleted by Bu.; transferred to follow ¹¹, when it would refer to man, by Du.: see phil. n.

- 25 'When' he made a weight for the wind,
 And regulated the waters by measure;
 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
 And a way for the flashes of the thunder;
 27 Then did he see it, and recount it,
 He set it up, yea, and explored it.

25-27. Wisdom was before the creation of the world (Pr. 8^{22ff.}). Creation is indicated by reference to four of its marvels. The incomparable intelligence or wisdom of God is handled somewhat differently but with some of the same illustrations and phrases in 38^{4ff.}, Is. 40^{12ff.}.

25. At creation God assigned to the wind its weight—a maximum of force or weight when it blew which it might not exceed; and marked out with a measure the extreme limit to which the sea might overflow the land.—*When he made*] *ἡ making or to make*, connecting with 24: see phil. n.

26a. Cp. 38^{25a}; ^b is identical in both vv., but ^a is there more strictly parallel to ^b; the *decree* (cp. Pr. 8²⁹) here corresponds to the measure and weight of 25; God determined at creation the laws of rainfall “when, where, how heavily” (Di.) it should fall.

27. Again hypostatization of wisdom is as clear here as in Pr. 8; but the precise meaning of some of the vbs. is difficult to seize. Dr. (*Book of Job*, p. 81): “Wisdom is regarded here as a concrete object, or, as we should say, an idea of wonderful complexity, which, at the Creation (v. 26), God ‘saw,’ ‘recounted,’ or surveyed in all its various parts, ‘established,’ or set up, as though it were a model, ‘searched out,’ or thoroughly explored, and finally realized in the universe of created things.” Similarly Du.: He set it up as a model for the work He had to do, and made proof of it in creation; first was the λόγος, the νοῦς ποιητικός, then the execution (of the idea). Yet it is difficult not to feel sympathy with Da.’s criticism of similar earlier explanations: “It is . . . contrary to the poet’s vivid conception of Wisdom, as a real thing or being, to suppose that it was ‘established’ when embodied in the stable, permanent order of created things, as if, being merely an idea before, with wavering outlines, it then became fixed. Neither can the meaning be that God ‘set

²⁸ And he said unto man,
Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.

up' wisdom before Him merely as an object of contemplation: much less that He set it up as a 'model' after which to work in creating the world." Da. would give to the third vb. (הבִּינָה), which he renders "established" (as RV. *e.g.* in Pr. 8²⁷), the meaning *gave it existence* (cp., with a different vb., Pr. 8²²); but this idea would be expressed too late by the third vb., if the four vbs. express a succession of activities: the vb. at the beginning of the second line of the distich might, of course, be simply parallel in sense to and express the same activity as the first vb.; but if this were so, הִבִּינָה, *he closely observed it*, would be a more probable parallel than הִבִּינָה to רָאָה, *he saw it*, in ^a. For *recount, explore*, see phil. n.

28. Up to this point the c. has insisted without any qualification that wisdom is the exclusive possession of God, has no place on earth, and is not imparted to men (ct. 11⁶ Šophar). In this, it differs strikingly from Pr. 8, where the real wisdom that was possessed and used by God in the creation of the world presents itself as discoverable also by man. As against the previous part of this c., ²⁸ agrees with Pr. 8 that wisdom may be found by men, although it differs in defining the wisdom that may become man's in terms inconsistent with its being also a possession of God: wisdom is here identified with the fear of the Lord and the avoidance of evil. There is thus, at least superficially, a gulf between the thought of 1-27 and of ²⁸, and the only way to bridge it is to say that the author contemplates two different wisdoms: wisdom in God here conceived intellectually as including the understanding of the laws of the universe, unattainable by man, who must consequently remain without understanding of the universe, and wisdom in man, an ethical quality. God is thus represented here as saying to man: My wisdom cannot be yours, but your wisdom will be to fear Me: you cannot understand the universe which I have made, but you can fear Me like Job (1¹), and avoid evil, and thereby find happiness and prosperity.

But is this thought naturally expressed, and is the compatibility of the two radically different conceptions both expressed by the unqualified term "wisdom" really indicated? Or have we not rather the fundamentally different thought of a different writer simply laid alongside the preceding poem? Again, is a writer who wishes to express the supposed line of thought likely to have handled one part of his subject, the unattainable wisdom of God, so elaborately and the other part so briefly? The prosaic opening ^{28a} and the lack of balance in ^{28b, c} also suggest that ²⁸ is not from the same hand as the rest of the chapter.

XXIX.-XXXI. Job's closing monologue.—These cc. were not originally, as in the present text they appear to be (see Introduction and Introductory Notes to 26, 28), merely the final section of Job's last speech in the debate; but the whole of what he says after the friends' contribution to the third round of speeches is complete. He now takes no further account of the friends; in his last, as in his opening speech (c. 3), he is concerned alone with himself and God (to whom, however, he directly addresses himself only in 30²⁰⁻²³). The speech falls into three parts: (1) a pathetic survey of his life before calamity befell him, when God guarded him, men honoured him, and he helped men (c. 29); (2) the tragic contrast of the present—God assailing, men reviling him, in his humiliation (c. 30); and (3) a solemn reassertion that not in him or his conduct was any justification for the change, leading up to his final assertion of his readiness to meet God; this would appear to have been followed immediately, in the original poem, by Yahweh's reply (c. 38 ff.); but at present the speech(es) of Elihu (cc. 33-37) intervene. Thus the effect of Job's last speech has been doubly spoilt: by the dislocation or interpolation of what now immediately precedes it, and by the interpolation of what now follows it.

XXIX. Opening with a wish ⁽²⁾ that he might be again as in his earlier years, Job depicts his happiness then, finding, as the quiet tone of this part of the speech, and the detail with which he fills in the picture (ct. c. 3), suggest, a momentary relief from the present in this musing on the past.

XXIX. ¹ And Job again took up his discourse, and said:

² O that I were as in the months of old,

As in the days when God guarded me;

³ When he caused his lamp to shine above my head,
(When) by his light I walked through darkness;

⁴ As I was in the days of my ripeness,
When God 'screened' my tent;

I. As 27¹ (n.).

2 ff. Job's reminiscences open with what was the ground of all his happiness—God's guardianship of him, God's friendly presence with him (^{2b-5a}); he then very briefly refers to two immediate tokens of God's favour—his children gathered about him (^{5b}), and the affluence of his life (⁶); he next dwells longer on the outcome of his affluence and of the manner in which he had used it—the esteem in which he was held by all, including the aged and the nobles (⁷⁻¹¹), and his practice of helping the weak and defenceless, making righteousness the warp and woof of his own life, and foiling violence and unrighteousness in others (¹²⁻¹⁷); he then (¹⁸⁻²⁰) recalls how in those days he looked forward to an end so different from the present cruel reality—prosperity continuing right up to a peaceful death; and he closes (²¹⁻²⁵) with a return to the topic of ⁷⁻¹⁰, viz. the memory of the esteem which he had enjoyed, thus making a transition to what (30^{1ff.}) he feels so keenly now—the contempt that has fallen upon him. It has been questioned whether ²¹⁻²⁵ was originally separated from ⁷⁻¹⁰; if not, and the chapter be rearranged in the order ^{1-10 21-25 11-20}, the transition to c. 30 is still good, viz. from Job's expectation of prosperity continued up to a long-deferred death to the present bitter contrast.

2. *Guarded me*] cp. Nu. 6²⁴, Ps. 16¹ 91¹¹ 121^{7f.}; ct. c. 13²⁷—in all these passages the same vb. שמר.

3. Cp. Ps. 18^{29 (28)}: God lighted a lamp above Job's head to shed its light upon his path, so that in the darkness he should not stumble over obstacles.

4. Job's memory is not of his "spring" or youth, but of his maturity, of the rich increase of his life's "autumn," when the fruits of God's favour and his piety were being gathered and

- 5 While yet the Almighty was with me,
 (And) round about me were my children ;
 6 When my steps were washed with curds,
 And the rock poured me out rivers of oil.
 7 When I went out of (my) gate up to the city,
 (And) in the broad place prepared my seat,
 8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves,
 And the aged rose up (and) stood ;

enjoyed by him ; his children were about him (^{5b}), but, as the Prologue shows, grown up ; and the position of authority and respect among his neighbours, on which he chiefly dwells, fits in well with the years of ripe manhood ; in certain connections the season of autumn or ripeness may disagreeably suggest winter and death, but it is part of Job's memory that in spite of the many years already lying behind him he looked forward to innumerable years yet to come (⁶). It therefore seems unnecessary to emend away the term ripeness (see phil. n.).—*When God screened*] so $\mathfrak{E}$; cp. 1¹⁰: $\mathfrak{H}$ *when the friendship* (cp. Ps. 25¹⁴, Pr. 3³²: see phil. n. on. 15⁸) *of God (rested) upon*: see phil. n.

5a. Nothing marred Job's welfare (⁶), nor had he any evil turn of fortune to fear (¹⁸⁻²⁰), when God was still *with* (cp. Ps. 23⁴ 46⁸ etc.) him, protecting him and fending off evil, and not yet, as now (30²¹), turned into his cruel opponent.—b. Cp. 1^{2. 4f.}.—*Children* (נערים) as 1¹⁹ (young men), and 2 S. 18²⁹ of David's *adult* son Absalom.

6. Job's land flowed with milk (cp. and ct. 20¹⁷) and oil—figures of his wealth.—*Curds*] cp. 20¹⁷ n.—*The rock*] possibly corrupt ; if not, either: the rockiest portions of Job's land, which might naturally have been quite barren, or the rocky soil in which the olive flourishes, and the rock in which the oil-presses were cut out.

7. Job's great estate (c. 1) lay near a large (cp. 8-10) town ; and in this large community he was held in the highest esteem, and in its affairs and in its public assemblies, held, according to the custom in Oriental cities, in the broad place (Ezr. 10⁹, Neh. 8¹) or square within the city, he took a prominent part.

8. When Job reached the assembly the young men present

- ⁹ The princes refrained from speech,
 And laid their hand on their mouth;
¹⁰ The voice of the nobles was 'dumb',
 And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
¹¹ For when the ear heard, it called me happy;
 And when the eye saw, it attested me;

withdrew into the background, and even the aged, who had previously arrived and sat down, rose and remained standing till Job had taken his seat.

9, 10. And men in the highest position kept silence in order, as ²¹ expressly states, if ²¹⁻²⁵ originally followed ¹⁰, to hear what Job would advise; in this case ⁷⁻¹⁰ describes Job's entrance, ²¹⁻²⁵ his speech and its effect: Bu.; but see below.

10. *Dumb*] ~~ה~~ erroneously (cp.⁸) *hid themselves*: see phil. n.

11 ff. These verses contain further vivid pictures of Job's past; they also assign the reason for Job's position of esteem and authority (⁷⁻¹⁰ + ? ²¹⁻²⁵); but there is some little uncertainty as to the exact connection: of this and of the proposed transposition of ²¹⁻²⁵, Dr. wrote: "Vv.⁸⁻¹⁰ describe the respect shown to Job in the assembly of his native place; and the same thought is clearly resumed in ²¹⁻²⁵; and Bu. Be. Du. St. Vo. would transpose ²¹⁻²⁵ to follow ¹⁰: Job's dream of a happy old age (¹⁸⁻²⁰) would then be forcibly followed at once by the description of the bitter reality in ³⁰^{ff.}. On the other hand, it might be argued that the *ground* of the respect which Job enjoyed (¹¹^{ff.}) might be mentioned immediately after it was first referred to (⁸⁻¹⁰). The ground of his respect (¹¹) is not merely (Bu.) the prosperity which he enjoyed, but the prosperity, combined with righteousness, which he used rightly, to succour the helpless and the needy (¹²⁻¹³): there is thus no occasion with Bu. to regard vv.¹²⁻¹³ as a gloss, suggested by a false interpretation of 'it attested me' (וַתְּעִידַנִי), as though this meant witness to his righteousness rather than to his prosperity; it was not his prosperity, as such, but just the beneficent use of his prosperity that gained him his respect."

11. *Attested me*] i.e. bore witness to my wealth: cp. the parallel.

- 12 For I delivered the poor who cried (for help),
 And the orphan and him that had no helper.
- 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me,
 And I caused the widow's heart to ring out joy.
- 14 I clothed myself with righteousness, and it clothed itself with
 me ;
 My justice was as a robe and a turban.
- 15 Eyes was I to the blind,
 And feet to the lame was I.
- 16 A father was I to the poor,
 And the cause of him whom I knew not I investigated.
- 17 And I broke the great teeth of the unrighteous,
 And from his teeth made him drop the prey.
- 18 Then I said : " I shall die with my nest(lings),
 And make my days as many as the (grains of) sand ;

12. So, with slight verbal variations and in the 3rd pers., Ps. 72¹². In 12f. 15-17 the lie direct is given to the charges of Eliphaz, 22⁶⁻⁹.

13. *Him . . . ready to perish*] אֹנֶכֶר, as 31¹⁹, Pr. 31⁶.

14. *It clothed itself in me*] it filled or possessed me: cp. Jg. 6³⁴: "the spirit of Yahweh clothed itself in Gideon": I wore righteousness and righteousness wore me: see phil. n. For the figure of clothing, cp. Is. 11⁵, Ps. 132⁹, of God, Is. 59¹⁷. *Robe* (1²⁰ n.) and *turban* (cp. Zec. 3⁵) represent complete dress.

15. Job led (cp. Nu. 10³¹) the blind, and helped the lame to walk.

16b. A case at law Job was always ready to look into, whether he had previous knowledge of the person claiming to be wronged or not, and, if the case were good, to carry it through.

17. The wrong-doer Job rendered harmless and deprived of his spoils: for the (implicit) figure, cp. Ps. 3⁸ 58⁷⁽⁶⁾.—*Great teeth . . . teeth*] Jl. 1⁶, Pr. 30¹⁴.

18. *With my nest*] nest as in Dt. 32¹¹, Is. 16², of the occupants of the nest; as he had lived (^{5b}), so Job hoped after innumerable (cp. Hab. 1⁹, Ps. 139¹⁸: also Gn. 13¹⁶) days to die, not merely *in* his nest (RV.), *i.e.* in his house, but *with* his nestlings, *i.e.* surrounded by his children. Others render :

- 19 My root open to the waters,
 And the night-mist lodging in my branches ;
 20 My glory fresh with me,
 And my bow pliable in my hand."
 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited,
 And kept silence for my counsel ;
 22 After I had spoken, they spoke not again,
 And my speech dropped upon them ;
 23 And they waited for me as for the rain,
 And their mouth they opened wide for the latter rain.
 24 I laughed at them when they believed not,
 And the light of my countenance they cast not down.

I shall die in my nest, And (then) like the phœnix make my days many ; or, I shall die in my nest, And (then) like the palm, etc. ; or emending, I shall grow old in my nest, And multiply my days as the sand : for a discussion of these and other suggestions, see phil. n.

19. Ct. 18¹⁶ (Bildad, of the unrighteous): with ^a cp. Ps. 1³: on the reviving *night-mist* (38²⁸), see Is. 18⁴ n.

20. Conscious of his rectitude and kindness, and mindful of the maxim (Pr. 21²¹) that those who make righteousness and kindness their aim find life and "glory," *i.e.* reputation among men, Job had trusted that his reputation and the position it gave him would never grow less, and that his power, symbolized by the bow, would remain the same (cp. Gn. 49²⁴).—*Pliable*] so Dr. (see phil. n.): Bu. *sprouting*, the old, dry bow putting forth fresh shoots like Aaron's rod (Nu. 17²³ (8)), which he thinks a possible hyperbole in poetry.

21-25. The vv. should perhaps follow ¹⁰: see above.

21-23. Men waited silently for, and silently accepted, Job's advice, having no alteration or improvement to suggest, no desire to hear any one else ; for his words and advice fell upon men like fertilizing rain (cp. Dt. 32²), and were as eagerly expected and received as the latter rain (Dt. 11¹⁴, Pr. 16¹⁵, Hos. 6³) that falls in April and May, refreshing the ripening crops.

24. "Job's clear-sighted counsel encouraged them, if they

²⁵ I chose out their way and sat as chief,
And dwelt as a king in the army. . . .

were despondent: on the other hand (line 2), their despondency never clouded his cheerfulness"—Dr. (*Book of Job*). See phil. n.

25. *Their way*] what was best for them to do.—*In the army*] *†* + *as one who comforteth mourners*.

XXX. 1-8. But now, in the present from which Job has just been wistfully looking back, the reputation he had hoped to enjoy up to his death has gone; whereas the aged and the noble used to do him reverence (29⁸⁻¹⁰), now youngsters (or inferiors or "shepherd-boys": see phil. n.) mock at him. ^{2b-8} give, superfluously as it might seem, a detailed description of these mockers of Job (not of their fathers (^{1c}), for see ⁹): they are low-born, of poor physique, outcasts of ill-repute, driven to shelter in caves and to scrape a bare subsistence from the wilderness. In ⁹ *but now* is repeated, and the contrast between man's past and present treatment of Job is resumed and continued to ¹⁰, or, on one view of the interpretation of ¹¹⁻¹⁵, to ¹⁵. Again in ¹⁶ *but now* (in the present, but perhaps not in the original text) recurs; this time, however, to introduce (if the description of *man's* treatment of Job extends down to ¹⁵) a fresh form of contrast—viz. between the tranquillity and prosperity and fair prospect of his past life and God's friendliness to him (29^{2-6. 18-20}), and the pain and hopelessness and God's hostility in the present (¹⁶⁻³¹). Thus whereas *but now* in ¹⁶ on one theory of interpretation would mark the beginning of the second main point of contrast, the same words in ⁹ are in any case merely resumptive of *but now* in ¹ after a digression. How far such a digression is probable must be mainly a matter of taste; but a difference of tone also has been detected between the contempt expressed in ²⁻⁸ for, and the sympathy in ³¹ with, those inferior to Job. If for these reasons we assume interpolation (of matter perhaps displaced from 24^{5ff.}), it is better to omit ¹⁻⁸ (Du.) in its entirety than only ³⁻⁷ (Bi.) or ²⁻⁸ (Peake), thus eliminating the disdainful note of ¹ (as well as of ⁷ⁱ), which Peake is ready to retain and excuse as due to Job's "too natural irritation"; then ⁹ introduces the contrast be-

XXX. ¹ But now they have derided me,
 That were of less age than I,
 Whose fathers I disdained
 To set with the dogs of my flock.

² The strength, too, of their hands—of what good is it
 to me?

 Within them firm vigour hath perished.

³ With want and with famine (each) is gaunt,
 (Men), who gnaw the dry ground,
 Whose 'mother' ¹ (?) is devastation and desolation,

⁴ Who pluck salt-wort by the bushes,
 Whose food is the root of the broom.

tween the former respect and the present contempt of the same people—the townsmen, young and old and noble. Peake, indeed, objects that these people are too remotely referred to if 29 ended at ²⁰ (not ²⁵); yet, the antithesis in 31⁹ with *glory* in 29²⁰ would be good. If ⁹ were resumptive of ¹ we might rather have expected a different emphasis—ועתה לאלה or ועתה להם. And now to such as these am I become a song!

1. The v. is badly articulated and perhaps corrupt: G om. *fathers*.—*The dogs of my flock*] contemptuous: cp. Is. 56^{10f.}.

2a. Du.: Yea the strength of their hands faileth. This improves the connection, and makes the description begin with ². Alternatively ^{2b.3a} might be combined into a distich.

3, 4. The reason for their weakness (²): they were starvelings, fed only on the scanty produce of the wilderness.

3. *Gnaw*] so (RV.) rather than *flee into* (AV.).—*Whose mother*] i.e. the source from which they get their nourishment: but the text and meaning are very uncertain: see phil. n.

4. *Salt-wort*] the Hebr. *malluah* (cp. *melah*, salt) here has, since Bochart's exhaustive discussion (*Hieroz.* lib. iii. cap. xvi.), been commonly identified with the sea orache, *Atriplex Halimus*, L.: it has "small, thick, sour-tasting leaves, which could be eaten . . . but would form very miserable food" (Tristram, *Natural History of the Bible*, p. 486).—*By the bushes*] i.e. under the shadow of the bushes where, when all else is dried up, a scanty vegetation still subsists. But the force of the prep. is

- ⁵ From the community they are driven forth,
 A cry is raised against them as against a thief;
⁶ In a gully of the wādys must they dwell,
 In holes of the earth and rocks.
⁷ Among the (desert-) bushes they bray:
 Under the nettles they are huddled together.

ambiguous. Possibly *and leaves of (desert-) bushes* should be read: see phil. n.—*The broom*] the Hebr. *rothem*, like the Ar. *ratam*, was a kind of broom, “the largest and most conspicuous shrub of these deserts”; the roots are very bitter, and are regarded by the Arabs as yielding the best [cp. Ps. 120⁴] charcoal” (Robinson, *Bibl. Researches*, i. 299; cp. Hastings’ *DB* ii. 825).—*Whose food*] Since an undesirable article of diet, and not an excellent fuel, suits the context, it is obviously unwise to render לָחֵם, with RVm., *to warm them*.

5. These ill-fed starvelings are suspected of pilfering (cp. 24⁶); if, therefore, they ever appear near the homes of the better-to-do, the cry of “thief” is raised, and they are driven away.

6. They are ill-sheltered (cp. 24^{7f.}), as well as ill-fed (^{3f.}).—*In a gully of the wādys*] or, less probably, *in the most dreaded of wādys*.

7. *They bray*] not, as the same vb., with a different prep. in 6⁵, of their cry for or over their food; nor of the impression made by their uncouth speech, in their assemblies (^b), on the inhabitants of towns; but probably, though this particular meaning of the vb. cannot be paralleled, of the cry of lust. The v. describes them “misbegetting as they were themselves misbegotten” (⁸: Peake): the parallelism is then excellent; *they bray*, like donkeys under the excitement of lust (cp. the neighing of the horses in Jer. 5⁸), and ^b *copulate* with no better bed or screen than the rough and scanty growth of the desert affords.—*Nettles*] “The rendering is uncertain; but, whatever the *ḥārūl* may have been, it must have been a plant characteristic of uncultivated places (Job 30⁷, Pr. 24³¹). ‘Thorns’ [the rendering in RV. of *ḳimshonim*] in Pr. 24³¹ ought to be ‘nettles’ (cp. Hos. 9⁶, Is. 34¹³): hence *ḥārūl*, which stands in the parallel

- ⁸ Sons of the impious, sons of the nameless too,
 They have been smitten out of the land.
⁹ And now I am become their song,
 And I am become a (by-)word unto them.
¹⁰ They abhor me, they keep at a distance from me,
 And they spare not to spit in my face.

clause, must be something different: and in Syriac *ḥārūl* signifies a *vetch* (hence RVm.). On the other hand, Job 30⁷ seems to require some kind of shrub: and whereas the present passage [*i.e.* Z f. 2⁹] implies that the *ḥārūl* would grow on a poor or salt soil, vetches love a good soil. Tristram (*NHB* 475) suggests the *Prickly Acanthus*: Post (*DB*, *s.v.*) some kind of thorny shrub such as the *Boxthorn*, three species of which are indigenous in Palestine, and grow in waste places and salty soil" (Dr. on Z f. 2⁹).

8. They are sprung from an accursed disreputable race, not fearing God and enjoying no esteem of man. On *impious* (2¹⁰ n.), see phil. n.; and for the attitude of the settled population to the homeless, wandering people of the deserts, cp. Gn. 4^{11f.}.

9. Perhaps the direct continuation of 29²⁵ or 20: see on 1.—*Their song*] La. 3¹⁴.

10a. Cp. 19^{13, 19}.—*In my face*] cp. Is. 50⁶; or, *at the sight of me* (but see phil. n.), which is more compatible with "they keep at a distance from me," unless we are content, with Di., in spite of the order of the clauses, to explain: "they step forward to spit in my face, and then immediately step back again to show their loathing of me."

II-15. The text (see phil. notes) is so uncertain or ambiguous that it is impossible to determine with confidence whether these vv. refer (1) entirely to the treatment of Job by God and His hosts; or (2) entirely to the treatment of Job by the men of 1-8⁽¹⁰⁾ or of 29^{8-10, 21-25}; or (3) in part (^{11a}) to God's treatment of Job, in part to the consequential conduct towards him of men (^{11b-15}), and these (cp. ^{13c}) the men of 1-8⁽¹⁰⁾. The translation above is accommodated to the first and, on the whole, perhaps the most probable view; the third view,

¹¹ For my (bow-)string he hath loosened, and he hath humbled me.

And my 'banner' (?) from before me 'he' hath 'cast
down' (?).

however, is favoured by two features of the existing text, viz. the change from the 3rd sing. in ^{11a} to the 3rd pl. in ^{11b-15} and the terms of ^{13b.c} (they set forward my calamity, they that have no helper) which are applicable neither to God's hosts, nor to the men of c. 29; on the other hand, the activities described in ¹¹⁻¹⁵ are not naturally connected with helpless (^{13c}) weaklings (¹⁻⁸), and much of the existing text can only be defended by very artificial and improbable interpretation (see phil. notes). The second of the above views is only compatible with the existing text, if the sing. in ^{11a} refers to a typical individual of the class referred to in the plurals that follow; but such a meaning can be restored to the text by emendations no more extensive than those adopted above. If such were the meaning of the original passage it may have read, though in form ^{13. 14a} is very suspicious, somewhat as follows:

¹¹ For, 'they' have loosened 'their' cord, and humbled me,
And they have cast off the bridle before me.

¹² Against 'me' the (low) brood riseth up, _A
And heap up against me their paths of destruction.

¹³ They have broken up my path,
They have helped forward my calamity,

They have no helper
(Or, there is none to 'restrain' them)

¹⁴ As through a wide breach they come on.
Under the crash 'I' wallow,

15 Terrors are turned upon me ;
My nobility 'is driven away' like the wind,
And like a cloud has my welfare passed away.

II. *For*] the change in the attitude of men ^(9. 10) is due to God's hostility.—*My (bow-)string he hath loosened*] i.e. He (God unnamed as § 20 n.) has disarmed me, rendered me defenceless : ct. 29²⁰. If the K^ctib *his* for *my* were correct, the meaning, as

- ¹² Against [†]me his lines (of warriors)[†] arise,^a
 And heap up against me their paths of destruction.
- ¹³
- ^{14a} As through a wide breach they come on.
- ^{14b} Under the crash [†]I[†] wallow,
- ¹⁵ Terrors are turned upon me;

Del. pointed out, could scarcely be: God has prepared to shoot at Job (cp. *Gr*); but a violent and improbable anthropomorphism: God has taken off the cord or girdle about his loins to chastise Job with it. Other interpretations are discussed in the phil. n.

11b. *Banner . . . he*] On the emendations, see phil. n. If the reference is not to God but to Job's human opponents (see on ¹¹⁻¹⁵), *H* may be retained: *they have cast off the bridle*, which used to restrain them from unseemly conduct in my presence.

12a. God's warriors (restored to the text by a slight emendation) rise up against Job ^a; and make ready, as besiegers, to storm him ^b.—*Against me*] *H* on the right hand.—*His lines of warriors*] cp. ¹⁹^{12a}, and then with ^{12b} cp. ¹⁹^{12b}. *H* (*the low*) brood is commonly explained of the base-born crew that take advantage of Job's misfortunes to humiliate him. Between ^a and ^b in *H* stand the words, *My feet have they sent on*, which has been explained to mean: they hunt me on from place to place; but see phil. n.

13-14a. The figure of ¹² is carried on and developed in ¹⁴: God's warriors not only storm, but carry the fortress, pouring in through a breach in the walls so wide as to admit an irresistible number of assailants. The intervening lines in *H* fall out of the figure and are abnormally short; they may conceal a parallel to ^{14a} (see phil. n.).

13a. *They have broken up my path*] i.e. "Job's path of life, which they seek to make impracticable for him (cp. ¹⁹⁸)," Dr. —b, c. See above on ¹¹⁻¹⁵, and phil. nn.

14. *I wallow*] cp. *Gr*; *H* *they wallow*, or *roll themselves*, which has been explained to mean roll on irresistibly; but see phil. n.

My nobility is 'driven away' like the wind,

And like a cloud has my welfare passed away.

¹⁶ But now upon me my soul pours itself out,

Days of affliction take hold of me :

¹⁷ By night my bones are corroded (and fall) away from me,

And (the pains) that gnaw me lie not down (to rest).

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15. *My nobility*] "Job's princely dignity and reputation (29⁸⁻¹⁰. 21²⁵)," Dr.—*My welfare*] or wealth, together with the esteem associated with it : cp. Is. 32⁵ (*noble*, נָדִיב || *wealthy*, שָׁתוּ): see n. there.

16. *But now*] see phil. n. and above on ¹ s.—*Days*] read perhaps *terrors* or the like.

17. *By night* or (*and fall*) *away from me* should perhaps be omitted (see phil. n.). —b. Translated as above, the line means : I never get any alleviation from my pains, since they never retire to rest. Just possibly (see phil. n.) we should render *My fleshless bones lie not down to rest*, i.e. I, thus worn to the bone, cannot lie down even when night comes : for the attribution to the bones of personal activities, feelings and emotions, cp. e.g. 4¹⁴ (n.), Ps. 35¹⁰ 51¹⁰, Is. 66¹⁴.

18. This v. appears to be hopelessly obscure or corrupt. The existing text has been translated and, with great improbability, explained to mean : *By (the) great force*, viz. of my disease, or *by the great might* (23⁶), viz. of God, *my outer raiment is disfigured*, owing to my body being emaciated, and my clothing, in consequence, hanging badly upon me : *it* (viz. my outer raiment) *binds* (lit. girds) *me about* as tightly as *the collar of my under garment* ; but the collar of the Hebrew under garment was not tight-fitting, and to render Job's garment ill-fitting seems a trivial effect of the mighty power of God—not to speak of other improbabilities in this interpretation. If the v. referred to Job's emaciation affecting the appearance of his clothing, it would be better to read *through (my) great leanness* (cp. 16⁸) for *by the great force* ; but if the unfashionable set of Job's garments was due entirely, or as

- ¹⁹ [Behold, God] hath 'brought' me 'down' to the clay,
 And I am become like dust and ashes.
²⁰ I cry unto thee, and thou answerest me not;
 I stand (in prayer), and thou lookest not at me.

some have supposed, partly, to swellings on his body, we might even, with Richter, introduce a *hapax legomenon* (כֶּבֶד for כָּח) into the text in order to secure a proper expression of the idea: *through great swelling* (of my body) my garment is disfigured; but the difficulty remains that in ^b while the vb. may, the comparison certainly does not, suggest tightness of fit. Possibly the reference to garments are entirely due to corruption, and as ¹⁶ spoke of the soul, ¹⁷ of the bones, so ¹⁸ spoke of the flesh (so, so far as ^{18a} is concerned, Bu.: see phil. n.); or (so G in ^a) the text may have run: In (his) great might he (God: Ehrlich, Job's pain) seizeth my raiment; he taketh hold of me by the collar of my tunic (so Ehrlich and in part Sgf.): in this case "the underlying image is that of pursuit by an enemy: the pursuer seizes him by his garment and (v.¹⁹) throws him down" (Sgf.).

19. God has so humiliated Job that he is no longer of any account. That both lines are metaphorical is more probable than that only one is, though some (e.g. Bu.) interpret ^a metaphorically, ^b literally: God has so humiliated Job, that he, *i.e.* his diseased body, has a dusty appearance (cp. 7⁵).—*Clay*] the word (חֵצֵר) is here a synonym of *dust* (עָפָר) and *ashes* (אֵשֶׁר): cp. 10⁹ 13¹² 4¹⁹ 27¹⁶: the rendering *mire* (RV.) is, therefore, slightly misleading; and the line may be compared with 16¹⁵ more closely than with 9³¹.

20 23. Job now turns and addresses God, of whom he has just spoken in ¹⁹ if not already from ¹¹ onwards. Job charges God with indifference to his cry, with actively enhancing his sufferings.

20b. The above translation, which gives complete parallelism, follows the reading of one MS only: the great majority of the MSS read *I stand and thou (merely) lookest at me*; one MS and § *Thou standest and lookest at me*. See phil. n. For *I stand*, viz. in prayer, cp. Jer. 15¹.

- ²¹ Thou art turned into one that is cruel to me,
 With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.
²² Thou liftest me up into the wind, causing me to ride upon it,
 And thou dissolvest me into the storm.
²³ For I know that to Death thou wilt bring me back,
 And to the appointed meeting-place for all living.
²⁴ Howbeit, will not ¹one sinking ¹stretch out a hand?
 Or in his calamity ¹will not one ¹cry for help?
²⁵ Is it that I wept not for the unfortunate,
 That my soul grieved not for the needy?

21. *Thou art turned into*] cp. Is. 63¹⁰.—*Persecutest*] cp. 16⁹;
 & scourgest.

22. God in His might and majesty may ride on the wind (Ps. 18¹¹), but for man it is a giddy adventure, the prelude to (cp. ^b 23) destruction. The figure of Job as the sport of the winds is rather differently expressed in 9¹⁷ (27²¹).

23. *Death*] = The underworld, as 28²² al.—*Bring me back*] cp. 1²¹ n. With the phrase descriptive of Sheol in ^b, cp. 3^{17ff.}

24. ~~It~~ is unintelligible: for attempts to extort a meaning from it, see phil. n. Emended as above, the v. is an apology for what Job recognizes to be a last fruitless appeal to God: drowning men catch at straws, and so Job, though (23) certain of death, still involuntarily cries out for help. By an alternative emendation an entirely different meaning has been placed on the v., which then reads,

Howbeit, have ¹I ¹not stretched a (helping) hand to ¹the
 poor¹?

And ¹was he not saved¹ (by me) in his calamity?

This would obviously go admirably with ²⁵; and if it would come in abruptly, so also does ²⁵ at present; on the other hand, reading in ²⁴ לֹא אֶסְתַּדֵּן for לֹא אֶתְחַדֵּן, and rendering, *If I have not stretched. . . . If I have not wept*, both verses would fit well in c. 31; with the pf. tenses, cp. then 31^{20. 21}.

25. The v. in its present position (but see last n.) is explained as giving a reason for Job's cry for help (implied in ^{24b}): he had pitied others in their distress (cp. 29¹¹⁻¹⁷); why then in his own distress should he not appeal for compassion? Du.

- 26 For I looked for good, and evil came :
 And I waited for light, and darkness came.
 27 My bowels have been made to boil, and are not silent ;
 Days of affliction have come to meet me ;
 28 I go about (in) dark (attire) 'uncomforted',
 I stand up in the assembly crying for help.
 29 I am become a brother to jackals,
 And a companion to ostriches.

emends so as to make ²⁵ continue the thought of ²⁴ as emended and translated above : "Or does not 'he' weep that is unfortunate ? Is not 'the' soul 'of him that is ready to perish' grieved ?"

26. A (second) reason for Job's appeal : he is himself one of the class referred to in ²⁴, and in ²⁵ also as emended by Du. : all his hopes (cp. 29¹⁸⁻²⁰) are perished.

27. *My bowels have been made to boil*] cp. "My bowels are in a ferment," La. 1²⁰ 2¹¹; there, of violent emotion at the distress of Jerusalem; here, of Job's emotion at his own calamities, or at the conflict between (²⁶) his hope of good and fear, or (^{27b}) actual experience, of evil. But ^{27b} even so is not a very natural parallel to ^{27a}, is suspiciously similar to ^{16b}, and may have displaced a line more closely parallel (cp. La. 1²⁰ 2¹¹) to ^a. Bu. unnecessarily omits the whole v.—*Are not silent*] cp. of excited emotion, "my bowels sound, or make a noise," Is. 16¹¹; "the sounding, or noise (RV. yearning), of thy bowels," 63¹⁵.

28. *I go about in dark attire*] so Ps. 38⁶: cp. 35¹⁴; and see 5¹¹ n.—*Uncomforted*] so, by a slight emendation, Du.; ~~fit~~ *without the sun*, which has been explained to mean in a sunless, miserable condition; or, taken closely with the preceding word: dark, not with sunburn, but disease: see phil. n.—*In the assembly*] of those gathered around him (Del.), before people generally as many as are present about him, nearly (as Pr. 26²⁶) = *openly* (Di.), or in the public assembly of the community—whether Job actually still attends it, or, as a leper, could do so, being of no importance (Bu.): see also phil. n.

29. Job's unalleviated and unpitied sufferings call forth from him, and no wonder (²⁴), cries as melancholy as those of

- ³⁰ My skin is black (and falls) off me,
 And my bones are scorched with fever-heat.
³¹ And (the music of) my harp has turned into mourning,
 And that of my pipe into sounds of them that weep.

jackals and ostriches (cp. Mic. 1⁸).—*Jackals*] see *EBi. s.v.*; others render *wolves* (*DB i. 620b*).

30a. See on 2⁷.—b. cp. Ps. 102¹. The v. with its reference to a couple of the symptoms of Job's disease may be misplaced (cp. Bu.).

31. Job's harp and pipe instead of the merry and cheerful strains for which they were naturally adapted (21¹²) play now only the saddest airs.

XXXI. Job solemnly repudiates all sin such as might have deservedly drawn upon him the overwhelming misfortunes, which had turned his joy (c. 29) into mourning (c. 30: 30³¹). The repudiation consists of three elements: (a) a general claim that his life had been virtuous, with the grounds which had led him to the deliberate choice of virtue, 1-4; (b) a repudiation in detail of a large number of sinful deeds, feelings and attitudes, 5-34, 38-40; (c) a passionate assertion of his readiness to lay bare before God the record of his life, and of the conviction of integrity which he could bring with him into the presence of God, 35-37. At present (c) interrupts (b); but this must be due to misplacement, not, however, of 35-37 from the beginning of c. 31 (*Che. EBi. 2479*), but of 38-40b: these latter vv. originally stood somewhere between 5 and 35, but whether after v.⁸, *Bolducius* (1637) as cited by *Del.*; after 12, *Bu.*; after 15, *Honth.*; after 32, *Me. Du.*; after 25, *Kennicott*, or after 34, where in the uncertainty they are placed in the present translation, must be left undetermined. Having been accidentally omitted, the vv. were added at the close of the c.; just as *Is. 38^{21f.}*, which originally stood after v.⁶ (see 2 *K. 20^{6f.}*). It is possible (see n. on 30²⁴) that the c. has suffered further disarrangement, as *Hatch, Bi. Du.* argue. But (1) in spite of their absence from *Gr.* it is improbable that 1-4 are an interpolation (*Hatch, Bi. and Du.*). For the vv. ring genuine, and if abrupt, are much less abrupt than 5-34 would be without them.

XXXI. ¹ I made a covenant with my eyes;

How, then, could I (even) look upon a virgin?

(2) In ⁵⁻³⁴ no sufficient means exist for restoring the original (if and in so far as it differed from the present) order. In these vv. and ³⁸⁻⁴⁰ the repudiations of specific sins take the form of imprecations by Job on himself, *if* he had committed them; but, as Bu. has pointed out, the "if" clauses occur 15 or 16 times, the imprecatory clauses only 4 times (8. 10. 22. 40); the relative infrequency of the imprecatory clauses may well be due in part to the fortunes of the text, but not entirely; for there is at least much that is correct in Bu.'s further observation, that the "if" clauses are often combined into groups of *similar content* (5. 7, 13. 16. 19. 20. 21, 24. 25. 26, 38. 39) followed by a single imprecation; that at other times, as often elsewhere (G-K 149), the imprecatory clause is simply omitted; and that at times (^{15? 32?}) the "if" clause is followed in lieu of an imprecation by a direct assertion that Job had pursued the very opposite course to that repudiated in the "if" clause. It would be a great mistake to reduce all this variety to the monotonous repetition of a single scheme.

I-4. Job, at that time unshaken in the belief that the portion allotted by God to wicked men was invariably disaster (^{2. 3}), and convinced that nothing in his life would escape the eye of God, had from the first made it his rule not even to allow his eyes to wander where the lust of the eye might tempt him on to sinful act.

I. *I made a covenant with*] or, rather, *I imposed a covenant*, or *rule, on*, the prep. being not עַם (see *Lex.* 503b), used when equal contracting parties are concerned, but לְ (ib.) of the superior granting conditions to another: cp. e.g. 2 K. 11^{4f.}: "Jehoiada made a covenant with (לְ) them, and made them swear . . . and commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do." The terms of the rule imposed by Job on his eyes is not directly given, unless a *virgin* (בְּתוּלָה) is merely a corruption of some general term such as נִבְלָה, for *wickedness*, *impiety* (Peake); but in any case ^{2f.} suggest that the rule was perfectly general; and, in the present text, ^{1b} by the rhetorical

² For what is the portion (apportioned) by God from above,
Or what the heritage (given) by the Almighty from the
heights?

³ Is it not calamity for the unrighteous,
And disaster for the workers of iniquity?

⁴ Doth not *he* see my ways,
And number all my steps?

⁵ If I have walked with insincerity,
Or my foot hath hasted unto deceit;

question (see phil. n.) indirectly indicates its nature, instancing one of the subtler temptations against which the general rule was directed (cp. Is. 33¹⁵, Ps. 119³⁷). Du. amends, unwisely: made a covenant . . . not to look upon a virgin; Job's covenant was much wider than this; and ^b does not exhaust but illustrates its application: for example, I refrained from even looking upon (cp. Is. 33¹⁵, Ps. 119³⁷) a virgin; *a fortiori* from unchaste acts I kept myself free. The comparison with Mt. 5²⁸ is interesting, but the ethical judgment is not quite the same; for here the look is avoided not as being in itself sinful, but as liable to lead on to outward conduct, the "ways" and "steps" of v.⁴, and therefore to the punishment of sin (cp. Eccclus. 9⁵).

2. Cp. 20²⁹ 27^{13ff.} At the time when Job made his rule of life, he still held by the current doctrine of sin and suffering which had been maintained by the friends in the debate, and had been unquestioned by himself till his personal experience showed its falsehood. This doctrine then restrained him: cp. 14. 23. 28.

4. *He*] emphatic: he whose general principle of action is as indicated in ². ³ and who, therefore, will punish me, if my ways are wrong.—b. cp. 14¹⁶.

5-8. First section of the special repudiation: vv.^{5,7} "if" clauses, ⁶ parenthetic, ⁸ imprecation. Repudiation of dishonesty and (?) covetousness.

5. *Walked with*] made a companion of.—*Insincerity*] or falsehood (שׁוּב, as Ps 12³ 26¹).—*Unto deceit*] to commit some act of deceit or fraud (cp. Is. 59⁷), or, possibly, with personification

- ⁶ (Let me be weighed in just scales,
And let God know my integrity :)
⁷ If my step turned out of the way,
Or my heart went after my eyes,
Or 'ought' ¹ clave to my hands,
⁸ Let me sow and another eat,
And let my produce be uprooted.
⁹ If mine heart was enticed on account of (another's) wife,
Or about the door of my neighbour I lay in wait,

as in ^a, to (the home of) deceit, to make myself the housemate of deceit.

6. Job is not himself a fraud ; if weighed he will be found full weight : cp. 1¹ n.

7. Job ^a had never departed from the way of rectitude, nor ^b consented to deprive his neighbour of anything of his that his eyes coveted, nor ^c had any fruit or stain of unjust gain or fraud ever stuck to his hands : this, in view of ⁸, seems the more specific thought lying behind the rather general expressions. With ^a, cp. 23¹¹.—*After my eyes*] cp. Nu. 15³⁹; even if ^b is inconsistent with ¹, it is not an inconsistency that calls for removal.—*Ought*] *¶ a spot*. Cp. Dt. 13¹⁸, 1 S. 12⁵; see phil. n.

8. If Job had deprived others of what was rightly theirs (^{5.7}), let him be deprived of the fruit of his own labours. Cp. 5⁵ 27^{16f.}; for the proverbial phrasing of ^a, cp. Dt. 28³⁰.—*My produce*] so (RV.) rather than *my offspring* (RVm.): see phil. n.

9-12. Second section : repudiation of adultery : ⁹ " if " clause, ¹⁰ imprecation, ^{11f.} comment on the heinousness of the sin.

9. Job had never lurked about his neighbour's house, secretly watching till he should go out and Job so obtain access to his wife : cp. Pr. 7^{6. 9. 19}.—*About*] in some cover in the neighbourhood, from which he could watch who came out of the door ; not *at* (RV. ; see phil. n.), *i.e.* in, or immediately in front of, the doorway, where the husband coming out must see him.

¹⁰ Then let my wife grind for another,
And let others bow down upon her.

¹¹ For that were wickedness,
And that were iniquity (to be punished) by the judges :

¹² For that were a fire that would consume unto Destruction,
And would 'burn' all my crops.

10. *Grind for another*] become another's meanest slave (cp. Ex. 11⁵, Is. 47², Jg. 16²¹); so **gr**; **gr** will also, and was probably intended to, bear a meaning parallel to ^b (see phil. n.). But whichever way ^a be taken, it probably implies that Job's wife in the supposed but unreal case is not of her own will to be unfaithful to him, but to fall a victim to another's violence: cp. Dt. 28³⁰. "It does not satisfy our ethical sense that for Job's offence his wife who had no share in it, but was rather herself the sufferer by it, should bear the greatest part of the punishment: that is only possible because the wife still counted essentially as the man's property," Du.

11. *Wickedness*] the term (**רָעָה**) is a strong one (Hos. 6⁹, Pr. 21²⁷), used especially in connection with sexual offences (Lv. 18¹⁷ 20¹⁴, Jg. 20⁶).—**b.** A flagrant offence not only subject to the divine punishment, but dealt with by the magistrates and the criminal law (Lv. 20¹⁰).

12. *For*] parallel to *for* in ¹¹ and giving a second reason for ¹⁰; but in ¹² it could be well spared, ¹² being then climactic to ¹¹. For adultery as a fire consuming the adulterer, see Pr. 6²⁷⁻²⁹: cp. also Sir. 9⁸.—*A fire that would consume unto Destruction*] a fire so fierce that it would not burn itself out till it had burnt down to Sheol: cp. Dt. 32²².—*Destruction*] Hebr. *Abaddon*, as 26⁶ (n.).—*Burn*] **gr** uproot.—*Crops*] if *crops* is rightly read here, the misplaced section ³⁸⁻⁴⁰ dealing also with Job's agriculture may have originally followed ¹².

13-20. Third section: repudiation of having disregarded the claims of (a) his own slaves, ¹³⁻¹⁵; (b) others in need—the poor, the widow, the fatherless, ¹⁶⁻²⁰. The section contains several "if" clauses (¹³, ¹⁶, ¹⁹, but not ²⁰) interspersed with vv. indicating principles restraining or guarding Job's conduct; but the imprecation is lacking, for the imprecation in ²² too

- ¹³ If I rejected the cause of my slave,
 Or of my maid, when they contended with me—
¹⁴ What then shall I do when God riseth up?
 And when he cometh to inquire, what shall I answer him?
¹⁵ Did not he that in the womb made me make him?
 And did not one fashion us in the womb?
¹⁶ If I withheld ought that the poor desired,
 Or caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
¹⁷ Or ate my portion (of bread) alone,
 And the fatherless ate not thereof—

exclusively corresponds to ²¹ to be regarded as referring to the whole group of repudiations in ¹³⁻²¹.

¹³. Job had never treated his slaves despotically, but had been governed by the thought (¹⁵) that the same God who had lavished such care on him in the womb (cp. 10^{sup}.) had lavished no less on his slaves; before the law slaves had some (Ex 21¹⁻¹¹), but few rights; but Job, when his slaves had anything to urge against him, even though they might have been unable to make of it a case at law against him, did not turn them contemptuously away, but examined the case as that between fellow-creatures of one God, and, so far as might be, as he expected God would judge it at His assize (¹⁴).

¹⁴. *Riseth up*] to judgment; see phil. n.—*Cometh to inquire*] פקד as ⁷¹⁸ (see n. there).

¹⁵. Cp. Mal. 2¹⁰.—The ethical standpoint of the v. (see on ¹³) is very remarkable, and a striking illustration of the influence of the conception of God on conduct. *In the womb* is emphatic: earlier (10^{sup}.) Job had argued that all the marvellous care lavished by God on him in the womb gave him a right to be surprised at God's present dealings with him, which seemed to be purely destructive; here a similar line of argument is implicit: what God has fashioned with care must be treated with care and respect by God's other creatures.

¹⁶. *Ought that the poor desired*] or, *the poor from (what they) desire(d)*.—*The eyes . . . to fail*] through looking in vain for help: cp. 11²⁰.

¹⁷. Job shared his plain and simple everyday fare with the

- ¹⁸ For from my youth like a father he brought me up,
 And from my mother's womb ¹ he ¹ led ¹ me ¹—
¹⁹ If I saw one ready to perish for lack of clothing,
 And that the poor had no covering,
²⁰ ¹ And ¹ his loins blessed me not,
 And with the fleece of my sheep he obtained not warmth :
²¹ If I have swung my head against the ¹ perfect ¹,
 When I saw my help in the gate,

fatherless : not merely on occasions of sacrifice when there was special and ample fare, but daily when his meal, according to custom (Nowack, *Arch.* i. 109 ff.), consisted mainly of bread (cp. the contrast in Pr. 17¹), Job had shared his food with the fatherless.—*Portion*] (חֵלֶב) denotes a piece of bread broken off the loaf (Lv. 2⁶), especially with a view to being consumed at a meal, but not necessarily a small portion (EV. “morsel”), for see 1 S. 28²², 2 S. 12³, Ru. 2¹⁴.

18. Job's care for the needy (¹⁷) rested on another (cp. ¹⁶) principle of religion, viz. gratitude for God's fatherly care of himself from his earliest days (cp. Ps. 22^{10f.}), and the consequent desire to be like God in his conduct towards his needy fellow-men. The v. so read (see phil. n.) and understood is a little abrupt : unless with Du. we place ¹⁴ (which mentions God) between ¹⁷ and ¹⁸. But ¹¹ (EV.) is not less abrupt :—(It was not the case that I disregarded the fatherless) for (on the contrary) from my youth up he grew up unto me as unto a father, and from my mother's womb I led her (*i.e.* the widow, ¹⁶); or, emending ^b (so as to avoid the strange picture of Job from his babyhood guiding widows), and from his mother's womb I led him (the fatherless, as in ^a).

19. *Ready to perish*] 29¹³ n.—*For lack of clothing . . . no covering*] 24⁷.

20a. Cp. 29^{13a}.—*And*] ¹¹ *if*.

21-23. Fourth section : repudiation of having smitten with his hand him in whom no fault was to be found. V.²¹, “if” clause ; ²², imprecation on the offending part of Job's body ; ²³, reason for Job's conduct—the fear of God's lofty justice.

21. *Swung my hand*] in order to smite : cp. Is. 11¹⁵ 19¹,

- 22 May my shoulder-blade fall from its shoulder,
 And may my arm be broken from its socket.
 23 For the dread of God [restrained me],
 And by reason of his loftiness I could not (do so).
 24 If I made gold my hope,
 Or to fine gold (ever) said, (Thou art) my confidence;
 25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great,
 And because my hand had secured much :—

Zech. 2¹³. Job had not used undeserved violence, though he might in doing so have relied on his influence (cp. 29^{7ff.}) to parry a charge brought by the injured party before the elders sitting for judgment in the *gate*-way (cp. 5⁴ n.) of the city.—*Perfect*] *ἦ orphan*: see phil. n.

22. *Socket*] see phil. n.

23. Du. places this v. after 23, Bi. after 14.—a. *ἦ* For a terror (coming) unto me was the calamity (3a) of God; see phil. n.—*Loftiness*] 13¹¹.

24 f. Fifth section. "If" clauses without an expressed imprecation. Job repudiates the idolatry of wealth as in 26 another form of idolatry. He had no need of Eliphaz's exhortation (22²³⁻²⁶); for all along he had put his trust not in gold, but—this is implicit—in God.—*Hope* || *confidence*] 8¹⁴. God (as implicitly here) is the ground of *hope* (כֶּסֶל) in Pr. 3²⁶, Ps. 78⁷, of *confidence* (מִבְטָח), e.g. in Ps. 71⁵, Jer. 17⁷: cp. especially Ps. 40⁵, "the man who maketh (הַיֵּשֶׁב as שֹׁמֵי here) Yahweh his confidence."

26-28. Sixth section: repudiation of having yielded to the temptation to worship the sun and moon. 26^{ff.}, "if" clauses; no expressed imprecation follows, but 28 (cp. 11) emphasizes the heinousness of the offence. The worship of the heavenly bodies becomes prominent in Judah in the 7th cent., and would appear to have been prominent in the age of the poem, since it is the only form of outward idolatry specially repudiated. This prominence it is unnecessary, if not indeed ill-advised, to attribute to Persian influence; for, as Du. observes, the special prominence given to the majestic appearance of the *moon* may be Semitic rather than Persian. The direct appeal of the

- 26 If, seeing the sun when it shone,
 And the moon moving gloriously along,
 27 My heart was secretly enticed,
 And my hand kissed my mouth,

beauty and awe of the heavens to the writer is obvious; but, like others (Ps. 8, 19; cp. Dt. 4¹⁹) of similar sensibility to these impressions, he does not confound the moon with the Maker: these glorious bodies of light are God's creatures, their glory a witness to Him; to worship or pay homage to them is tantamount to denying the one true God, the creator of all. The passage is a striking illustration of the writer's convinced monotheism. Cp. the more direct development of the idea in Qor. 41³⁷ 6⁷⁶ (cited by Davidson).

26. *The sun*] the term שֶׁמֶשׁ, commonly *light* or *luminary*, is best understood here of, or with special reference to, the sun (|| the moon): cp. 37²¹, Hab. 3⁴.—*Shone*] or (note the impf.) *began to shine*, the reference being to the salutation of the rising sun in particular: cp. Tac. *Hist.* iii. 24, et orientem Solem (ita in Syria mos est) tertiani salutavere; and in the hymn to Aton (the sun) by the Egyptian king Ikhnaton (c. 1400 B.C.), "when thou risest in the horizon . . . the two lands are in daily festivity . . . their arms uplifted in adoration to thy dawning" (see, e.g., Breasted, *History of Egypt*, 372).

27. *Secretly*] seems rather otiose, since the movements of the heart are essentially secret: in any case the repudiation is not of *secret idolatry*, an idolatry of the mind only, but of a particular idolatrous act ^b, for which (2^s) the judges could exact a penalty (Dt. 17^{2f.}).—*My hand kissed my mouth*] so as to throw a kiss to the sun or moon: the hand rather than the mouth is made subject of the vb., as being more active in throwing kisses. Kissing idols with the mouth as an act of adoration seems to be referred to in 1 K. 19¹⁸, Hos. 13²; and the act of throwing kisses to objects of worship, though not again alluded to in the OT., is frequently attested elsewhere: see S. Langdon, "Gesture in Sumerian and Babylonian Prayer," in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 1919, pp. 531-555 (with many illustrations).

²⁸ That, too, were iniquity (to be punished) by the judges :

For I should have lied to God above.

²⁹ If I rejoiced at the ruin of him that hated me,

And 'shouted for joy' when evil found him ;

³⁰ Neither did I suffer my mouth to sin,

In asking his life with a curse.

³¹ If the men of my tent said not,

"Who is there that has not been sated with his meat?"

29f. Seventh section : repudiation of having found pleasure in an enemy's misfortune, or of having attempted by cursing to secure his destruction. ²⁹, "if" clause : ³⁰, direct denial : no expressed imprecation. With the standard of conduct towards personal enemies here expressed, cp. Ex. 23^{4f.}, Pr. 20²² 24^{17f.} 25^{21f.} ; ct. Bildad's standard in 8²² and that expressed in the words of 27⁷ (wrongly) attributed to Job. How far the so-called imprecatory Psalms (*e.g.* 58, 109, 137) betray an exactly contrary temper, depends on the extent to which in them purely personal enmity is subordinated to national and religious opposition.

29. *Shouted for joy*] *I stirred myself up*, in joy : otherwise 17⁸.

30. Not really parenthetical (RV.) ; but the direct negation of another sin is simply added by the copula to the indirect negation of v.²⁹ (so without the conjunction ³² is direct assertion after ³¹ indirect assertion) : I did not rejoice at the ruin of my enemy, neither (AV.) did I curse him ; the *Yea* of RV. is unsuitable ; ³⁰ is not climactic ; the more striking disavowal is that of ²⁹.—*In asking his life*] *i.e.* in asking God to take the life of his enemy ; cp. 1 K. 3¹¹ 19⁴.

31f. Eighth section : repudiation of having ever shown less than universal and unstinted hospitality. ³¹, "if" clause ; ³², direct statement : no expressed imprecation.

31. *I* in ^b may be rendered, *would that there were one not sated with his flesh*, that our master might be gratified by finding yet another recipient of his hospitality. In any case the point is : Job's hospitality had been so universally and richly shown to all strangers and passers-by (³²) that the *men of his tent*, *i.e.*

³² The sojourner passed not the night in the street,
My doors I opened to the wayfarer.

³³ If I concealed . . . my transgressions,
In hiding mine iniquity in my bosom ;

his household and entourage, had asserted in praise of it that no one was to be found who had not eaten to his fill of Job's festal fare. Job, speaking of himself in ¹⁷, refers to his everyday fare of which the staple was bread ; his household, speaking in praise of him, refer to exceptional fare, not eaten every day, viz. the flesh of animals (sacrificially) slain on special occasions, including commonly the advent of guests.—*Flesh*] a meat diet : cp. e.g. Nu. 11⁴, Dt. 12¹⁵, 1 S. 2^{13, 15}, 1 K. 17⁶.

32. Cp. the narrative of Gn. 19^{1f}, Jg. 19¹⁵⁻²¹.

33f. Ninth section: repudiation of hypocrisy. The whole is subordinate to the "if," and there is no expressed imprecation. The form of the section is suspicious, and the expression of the thought a little strange. At present a distich (³³) is followed by a tristich (³⁴): this is certainly not improved by omitting ^{33b} with G, and (with Du.) separating the obvious parallels (^{34a, b}) from one another, in order to obtain in appearance two distichs, ^{33a, 34a} and ^{33b, c}. Nor is ^{34c} to be taken with ^{35c}! (Bi.). If the tristich is intolerable, it would be better to omit ^{34c} or to assume the loss before it of a line parallel to it. Moreover, at present ^{33a, b} are good parallels, the construction, to which Du. takes exception, being as in ³⁰, to which he takes no exception. What Job appears to assert here is not that after committing sins he publicly confessed them, but that not having committed transgressions he had none to conceal ; in mingling freely, as he had done (29^{7ff.}), among men, he had been secured against fear of being condemned by the crowd, or losing the esteem of the clans of his own and neighbouring tribes, not by a skilfully maintained hypocrisy, but by a conscience wholly void of offence.

33. *If I concealed*] what follows in ³⁴ has been rendered *like Adam*, who, however, did not conceal sin through fear of *men* (³⁴), or *like (ordinary) men*, which would cast a quite uncalled for reflection on the rest of mankind. Slightly emending, we

³⁴ Because I dreaded the great multitude,
 And the contempt of the clans terrified me,
 So that I kept silence, not going out of the door;

may obtain *from men*, which would be suitable, but before ³⁴ otiose.

34. ^{a, b} The reasons which might have induced Job to conceal his transgressions, if he had committed any; ^c describes what would have been the consequence of the supposed action: as a matter of fact Job did not remain at home.—*Kept silence*] or rather, perhaps, *kept still* (נָחַם as in Jos. 10¹², 1 S. 14⁹).

38-40. Tenth section (wrongly placed after ³⁵⁻³⁷; see above p. 261 f.): repudiation of having committed any wrong in his agriculture. ^{38f}, "if" clauses parallel to, or closely related to, one another: ⁴⁰, imprecation. What precise wrong Job is here repudiating is not clear. Certainly, if ³⁸ were not followed by ³⁹ it would be attractive with Du. to think of unfair exhaustion of the ground by depriving it of its year of rest (Ex. 23^{10f}, Lv. 23^{2f}, 26^{34f}), or the violation of some taboo such as the sowing of the land with two kinds of seed (Lv. 19¹⁹). In this case the imprecation corresponds closely to the sin repudiated, but it is arbitrary with Du. to reject ³⁹ as an ancient and incorrect attempt to explain ³⁸; for ³⁹ reads as anything but a gloss, and its own unusual phrasing calls for explanation. Is it possible, however, that ³⁹ is consistent with ³⁸ as explained by Du.; is the *money* or payment of ³⁹ a payment in discharge of religious claims connected with the land; and are the *owners* of ^{39b}, the spirits of the land, the elves or the like, to which some have found allusion in 5²³; and instead of *caused . . . to expire* should we render *grieved* or disappointed? Unless we can admit this, we must start with the common interpretation of ³⁹, and explain ³⁸ in accordance with it: ^{39a} then means that Job had not withheld their wages from those who had worked the land for him, or the purchase price from the *former* owners (^{39b}) of his fields; and ^{39b} that he had not, in violently appropriating (Is. 5⁸, Mic. 2²) the land, slain the former owners outright (cp. the case of Naboth, 1 K. 21), or caused them through loss of their patrimony to die of want. In this case ³⁸ means

- ³⁸ If against me my land cried out,
 And the furrows thereof wept together ;
³⁹ If I have eaten its produce without paying,
 And caused the owners thereof to expire ;
⁴⁰ Instead of wheat let thorns come forth,
 And instead of barley stinking (weeds).

that the land cries out for vengeance for a crime not committed directly against it, but on it, or in connection with it, against others. Certainly, in the nearest parallels, it is not the land, but the blood shed on it that cries out (16¹⁸, Gn. 4¹⁰) ; but since blood profanes (Nu. 35³³ n., Dt. 32⁴³, Ps. 106³⁸) the land on which it is shed, we may perhaps infer that the land itself could be regarded as wronged by such crime, and as itself crying out for vengeance, and perhaps even as weeping (^{38b}), though this last would certainly be more naturally said in the case of a wrong more directly and exclusively done to the land : with the cry in this case, cp. the cry of the stones, apparently of buildings built or procured violently and unjustly, in Hab. 2¹¹.

38. *Against me*] emphatic : unlike that of some men (on the usual interpretation of ^{38f}, cp. 24²), none of my ground had cause to cry for vengeance.—*My land*] the phrase is most natural on Du.'s interpretation (see above) ; on the usual interpretation it means that part of my land which I had obtained by fraud or violence.

39. *Produce*] lit. *strength* : so Gn. 4¹².—*Paying*] lit. *silver, money*.—*Owners*] or *owner* : cp. Ex. 21²⁹, Is. 1³ ; G-K. 124 i.

40. On account of the murder of his brother, the land tilled by Cain was no longer to yield its strength ; the imprecation of a similar misfortune, therefore, cannot prove, as Du. claims, that the crime repudiated here by Job was not the violent appropriation of land and causing the death of its former owners. No doubt restoration to the lawful owners or their heirs would have been the correct reparation ; but the prayer that no good might come of ill-gotten possessions is far from unnatural. At the same time, as remarked above, ⁴⁰ would be even more appropriate on Du.'s interpretation of ³⁸.

35-37. Conclusion of the speech (³⁸⁻⁴⁰ being misplaced):

³⁵ Oh that 'God would' hear me!—

Behold my mark—that *the Almighty* would answer me!

And the scroll which my accuser hath written;

Job expresses a final wish that God would answer him, and a conviction that (in this case) he would be able triumphantly to maintain his innocence and integrity. The tone of desire in ³⁵ and of triumph in ^{36f.} is clear; but in detail the passage is extraordinarily ambiguous, and has received many different interpretations. In large part this ambiguity may be due to the probable loss of a line, as indicated above, between ^{35b} and ^{35c}, in part also, perhaps, to some further textual corruption.

35. *Oh that God would hear me*] *ו* *Oh that I had one to hear me*, i.e. as variously understood, would that God, or some sympathetic human ear, to which he may entrust the declaration he is about to make (cp. Peake), or (Hi.) an arbitrator who will decide between (cp. ^{9³³}) God and himself, would listen to Job.—*Behold my mark*] parenthetical; Bi. Hoffm., assuming that *ו* already was and is here used as the name of the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, render, Behold my Taw, (i.e. my last word is said): (now) let the Almighty answer me. But more probably (unless, as may well be, the word is merely due to a corruption of the text) *Taw* has here the more general sense of *mark* (cp. Ezk. ^{9^{4,6†}}), whether it signifies a mark resembling the early Taw, X, in lieu of an actual signature, or, which is more probable, since Job is scarcely to be thought of as incapable of writing, the signature itself; in either case, it implies a document thereby acknowledged or attested by Job. On the other hand, apart from this particular interpretation, there is no indication of such a document: for the document of ^{35c} is obviously something different, and the vbs. of ^{35a, b}, though they may be compatible with a written document, which God is to answer, certainly do not require it, but more readily suggest *spoken* words of Job which God is to hear and answer. If, however, the lines implied a document signed by Job, of what nature was it? It is commonly held to be a *document* containing “the protestations of his innocence” just *spoken*, or

similar assertions of innocence (Da. Dr. Peake, Richter, Honth.): but (1) protestations of innocence do not naturally demand an answer, they are rather themselves answers to a charge: (2) the protestations just made have taken the form of imprecations; the natural "answer" of God to an imprecation would be to inflict the ill imprecated. Others (Ew. Bu. Du.) see in the document signed by Job his charge against God: Job "the accused has become the accuser. His document is first presented: it is accordingly the charge: the answer, *i.e.* the defence of his opponent, is not yet forthcoming: he charges God with violating justice (27²), and of this charge He is said to be unable to clear Himself. Complete confidence in his victory over God with a justification of the charge in its entire extent marks accordingly this conclusion of Job's speech" (Bu.). Others combine (Hi.), or (Di.) leave as alternative constituents, in the book charge and defence. If we might follow **AV.** (which last is not a rendering of **H.**), this ambiguous book disappears from the text, and ^{35b} becomes completely parallel to ^{35a} without any disturbing parenthesis: in this case (emending **וְהִנֵּה** into **וְהִנֵּה**) render, Behold my desire (is that) the Almighty may answer me (see phil. n.).—*That the Almighty would answer me*] the words may also be rendered: let the Almighty answer me.—*And the scroll which my accuser hath written*] these words have been taken (1) as dependent on Oh that in ^{35a}; And (that I had) the scroll, etc. (EV.), ^{35b} being parenthetical; or (2) on Behold in ^{35b}; Behold here is my signature . . . and the scroll, etc., the last clause of ^{35b} (let the Almighty answer me) being then parenthetical (Del. Me.); or (3) as a *casus pendens* to ³⁶: As for the scroll which mine accuser hath written—Upon my shoulder would I bear it, etc. (**G** Hi. Bu.). All these suggestions are unsatisfactory in themselves and involve a tristich (^{35a}, b, c or ^{35c}, ^{36a}, b); and it is preferable to assume the loss of a line. Du. would prefix to ^{35c} such a line as: would that I had the roll. But the last line, if such there was, may, of course, have been very different from this: it must be remembered that ^{35c} is most naturally (though not in the existing and probably mutilated context) rendered: And a scroll hath my accuser written. Such are the ambiguities

³⁶ Surely upon my shoulder would I carry it,
I would bind it around me as a crown;

of construction: further ambiguities of detail remain.—*The scroll*] so the Heb. סֵפֶר is best rendered here, if it is the object of the vb. in ³⁶: a scroll, but not a book (RVm.), may be pictured as bound round the head or spread over the back of the neck. For *scroll*, cp. Is. 34⁴: “the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll.” In form a scroll, in virtue of its contents it is a legal document (cp. Dt. 24¹ (EV. bill), Jer. 32^{10f.} (EV. deed)); and if written by Job’s accuser it is a written statement of the charges made against him, an indictment. The custom of accuser and accused (cp. ? ^{35b}) furnishing a written statement of the accusation and defence is attested for Egypt at least by Diod. (i. 75).—*My accuser*] or *opponent* (at law): see phil. n. This has been taken collectively as referring to the three friends of Job (so, e.g., Del. Che. in *EBi.* 2479); but more frequently, in its more natural singular sense, as referring to God (so Di. Da. Bu. Du. Peake): this involves, indeed, a sudden change from the attitude towards God in the appeal of ^{35a, b} and a further change in ^{37a} where God appears as judge, but (so Di.) is in accord with 9^{3, 14f.} 32 10² 13¹⁹ 23⁶ 40².

36. If, as he desired ^{35c}, God’s accusations against him were written on a scroll and given to him, so confident is Job in his innocence of the sins to which his sufferings appear to point, that he would receive the scroll without fear or shame, on the other hand would display it openly on his person, and wear it proudly like a crown of honour—treating the very accusations of God (which would turn out to be no accusations) as so many marks of honour, and (^{37b}) handing back to God the scroll, not humbly like a criminal, but proudly like a prince: so substantially Da. Di. Dr. Du. Peake; and this is the least bizarre interpretation of the existing text.—*Carry it*] *It* can, of course, equally well be translated *carry him*; and it has actually been maintained that Job is expressing his intention of carrying on his shoulder either (1) victoriously (cp. Hoffmann), or as a cherished child (Ehrlich), the one who fulfils his wish (^{35a}) by listening to him, i.e. (Hoffm.) God Himself; or (2) the accuser

³⁷ I would declare the number of my steps,

Like a prince I would present it.

^{40c} The words of Job are completed.

of ^{35c}.—*Upon my shoulder*] cp. Is. 22²²: the Heb. term שֵׁכֶם denotes the back of the neck or shoulder, on which burdens were borne (e.g. Gn. 49¹⁵); the scroll is thus pictured rather strangely, as spread out to be read not by those who meet Job, but by those who come up behind him. Some, however, think the suggestion is that the scroll is worn as an easy burden (*Lex.* 1014a): the accusations would hang lightly on Job. The idiom would, of course, at once suit the personal reference (see last n.) if that were otherwise tolerable: for persons borne on the shoulder see Gn. 21¹⁴; and for the figure of a crown applied to persons, see Pr. 12⁴ 17⁶.

³⁷. *The number of my steps*] all my actions; cp. ⁴ (steps || ways), 14¹⁶.—*I would present it*] a better parallel to ^a than the questionable alternative rendering: I would go near unto him (see phil. n.).

^{40c}. An editorial note: cp. Ps. 72²⁰, Jer. 51⁶⁴ last clause. Freely rendered the clause was connected by *¶* with 32¹ (so Bu.).

XXXII.—XXXVII. Elihu.—This entire section of the book must for reasons given in the *Intro.* §§ 22-29 be regarded as an interpolation. It consists scarcely of four speeches, but of a single speech outwardly divided in the existing text into four sections by means of the formulæ in 34¹ 35¹ (as 3¹ etc.) and 36¹ (cp. 27¹ 29¹). In some, perhaps even in all cases, this formula may not be original; the additional occurrences in *¶* (32¹⁷ and HP²³ in 34¹⁶; cp. the variant in ^Δ 33³¹) point at least to a tendency to multiply the use of it; still in 34¹ the formula stands after words that suggest a pause, and before Elihu turns to address a fresh party; and with 36² a fresh main part of the speech begins. As Job in his speeches now addresses the friends, now God, and now soliloquizes, so Elihu in part addresses himself to the friends (32⁶⁻¹⁴, including ¹⁰: see n.), in part falls rather into the tone of soliloquy (32¹⁵⁻²²), in part addresses the wise men (34²⁻¹⁵), or others (37², if *¶* be correct), in the audience, but mainly addresses Job (33¹⁻³³ 34¹⁶-37²⁴, except 37² *¶* and

XXXII. ¹ And these three men ceased to answer Job, because he thought himself righteous. ² And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the clan of Ram, was hot with anger: against Job he was hot with anger, because he considered himself righteous rather than God; ³ and against his three

? 35¹⁶). The speech falls into three main parts: (1) in 32⁶-33⁷ by way of introduction Elihu explains to the three friends (32⁶⁻¹⁴) and to Job (33¹⁻⁷) and to himself (32¹⁵⁻²²) why or how he is going to intervene; (2) in 33⁸-35¹⁶, thrice citing or summarizing words of Job (33⁹⁻¹¹ 34^{5, 6} 35^{2f.}), Elihu refutes the claim made in them by Job to be righteous and not to have deserved the sufferings inflicted on him by God; (3) in 36, 37 he presents independently his own view of the greatness of God, of His creative activity, and of His government of men. Certainly much common ground is covered in (2) and (3), and the distinction between them would largely fall away, if Du.'s reconstruction (see on 35¹⁵) of 35¹⁵-36² were adopted.

XXXII. 1-6a.—Prose introduction to the speeches: angry alike with Job for maintaining that he was righteous ², and with the friends for at last silently acquiescing ³, Elihu breaks the silence, which he had observed hitherto out of regard for the superior age of the friends, not at all from any doubt as to how Job could be shown to be in the wrong ⁴.—For inconclusive reasons, Bu. Hoffm. regard as interpolated the vv. (2-5) which give the grounds (cp. 6^{ff.}) for Elihu's intervention.

1. *Three men*] so also in ⁵ (i.e. both in what Bu. (see last n.) considers the original and the secondary part of this introduction) Job's three friends are named. The change from the term friends (2¹¹ 19²¹ 42¹⁰: here also in ³ **𐤁** and in 1. ³ **𐤁**; in ⁵ **𐤁** = **𐤁**) is due to a difference of writer rather than to "the correct feeling that they could no longer be termed" friends (Bu.).

2. *Elihu, the son of Barachel*] the father's name is added, not because so much stress is laid on Elihu's youth (Bu.), but in accordance with a common custom when a name is introduced into documents (cp. e.g. Is. 1¹, Jer. 1¹, Ezk. 1², the Elephantine papyri, *passim*). In observing this custom this writer differs from the author of the Prologue. Both names

friends he was hot with anger, because they had found no answer, and had not shown Job to be unrighteous. ⁴ Now Elihu had waited for Job with words, because they were older in days than he. ⁵ And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men, he was hot with anger. ⁶ And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said:

I am young in days,
Whereas ye are aged;
Therefore I was in dread and afraid
To declare my knowledge to you.

may have been selected by the interpolator on account of their meaning: Elihu (1 S. 1¹, 1 Ch. 12²⁰ 26⁷ 27¹⁸) means (my) God is he, and Barachel (⁶¹) bless, O God, or bless God, or God hath blessed or blesses (see phil. n.). Ba-rik-ili is the name of several (Jewish) persons named in the documents of Murashu sons (temp. Artaxerxes I., see *Bab. Expedition of the Univ. of Pennsylvania*, Series A, vol. ix. p. 52).—*The Buzite*] since Buz was the “brother” (Gn. 22²¹) of Uş. (1¹), Elihu is represented as more closely akin than the friends to Job.—*Of the clan of Ram*] whereas Buz as a son of Nahor is *Aramaic*, Ram is only known as Jewish or Jerachmeelite (Ru. 4¹⁹, 1 Ch. 2⁹. 25). Disregarding this, the author perhaps selected this clan name, too, on account of its meaning—lofty, exalted. In any case it is unwise to treat Ram as an abbreviation of Aram in order to make both descriptions of Elihu *Aramaic*, or Buzite as equivalent to Bo‘azite (בועז = בועז: cp. Ru. 4²¹) to make them both Jewish.—*Rather than*] less probably, *before*: see phil. n.

3. *No answer*] no further answer: cp. 15^f.—*Had not*] less probably *yet had*: see phil. n.

4a. See phil. n.

6-22. Elihu, not (see 10 n.) addressing Job till 33¹, explains, partly (6-14) in direct address to the three friends, partly (15-22) soliloquizing, why he had kept silent hitherto, and why he is now speaking. He had kept silence, not because he had any hesitation as to the right thing to say, but merely from conventional respect for old men (6. 7). He had been confident enough about his own knowledge all along, knowing whence

⁷ I said, "Days should speak,
And multitude of years make known wisdom."

⁸ But indeed it is the spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty, which makes them
understand.

it came—from God Himself (⁸). God, as he thus knows by his own experience, gives knowledge to the young; but since He may sometimes impart to old men also, Elihu had given the old men before him (⁷ ¹¹), Eliphaz, Bildad and Šophar, the opportunity of showing whether they were inspired as well as old: the event had proved that they were not (⁹, ^{12b}, ^c ^{15f}); for he is not to be put off with the excuse that the task set them had been so hard that only God Himself could discharge it (¹³): he will soon show the hollowness of this excuse, when he gets to work himself. The words of these old dotards have dried up (^{15b}); how different is it with him! He is so uncomfortably flooded with words that, had he no better reason, he must needs speak in order to relieve the intellectual stomach-ache which his many words of wisdom, so long kept inside, have given him (¹⁸⁻²⁰). And when he speaks, let no one expect compliments; for they will not get them (^{21f}). This apology is not a dramatic description of a speaker whose contribution the writer ridicules as that of a bombastic youth, but a self-revelation of the tone and temper of the writer himself.

8. The dispute whether *the spirit* and *the breath* are merely the spirit of God which imparts life (²⁷ ³³⁴) and intelligence to all men (Gn. ²⁷), or the spirit inspiring or giving *special* knowledge to prophets (cp. Joel ³¹), is, in the present connection, rather beside the point: the spirit of God which is imparted to all men and the spirit given in inspiration, or to impart exceptional skill and ability, to *special* men (Is. ¹¹² n., Nu. ²⁷¹⁸, Gen. ⁴¹^{38f}, Ex. ³¹³; cp. c. ³³^{4b} n.), are not two essentially different things, but the same spirit in less or greater measure, working for and achieving different ends. Both ⁸ and ⁹, though expressed in perfectly general terms, have a specific implication: ⁹ indirectly asserts that the three friends (cp ¹⁰), in spite of their age, are not wise, and ⁸ that

- ⁹ It is not [†] the aged [†] that are wise,
 Nor is it the old that understand right ;
¹⁰ Therefore I say, Listen to me ;
 I also will declare my knowledge.
¹¹ Behold I waited for your words,
 I listened for your wise sayings ;
 Whilst ye sought out words,
¹² Even unto you I attended ;
 And behold there was none to convict Job,
 None among you to answer his sayings.
¹³ (Beware) lest ye say, " We have found wisdom ;
 God may drive him away, not man."
¹⁴ [†] I will [†] not set forth [†] such [†] words [†] as these [†],
 Nor will I answer him with your sayings.

Elihu through the presence in him of the spirit of God (cp. Gn. 41^{38f.}), in spite of his youth, is wise.

9. Cp. 12¹² 15¹⁰.—*¶* many, or the great (see phil. n.).—*The aged*] Eliphaz, Bildad and Šophar in particular are intended: see on ⁸.

10–17. If ^{11–16} were placed after ⁷, and ¹⁷ omitted as a variant of ¹⁰, the reasons for Elihu's former silence (^{6f.} ^{11f.}) and present speech (^{16.} ^{17.}) would stand together with ^{13–15} as transitional. But neither this nor other proposed reconstructions (see phil. n.) can be regarded as certain.

10. *Listen*] sing. in most Hebrew MSS, but, in spite of Di.'s argument (see phil. n.), the pl., *Listen ye*, should be read.

11 f. Elihu had waited, but in vain, for the friends to prove their wisdom by putting Job in the wrong.

13. "Do not think you have found in Job a wisdom which only God can overcome" (Dr.). An alternative rendering, scarcely to be adopted, is: Lest ye say, We have found wisdom, God (speaking through Elihu) will drive him away, not man (*i.e.* Elihu uttering merely his own wisdom); so Richter: cp. AV. RVm.

14a. *¶*. And he hath not set forth words against me: and so, slightly paraphrased, RV. *¶* is commonly supposed to mean "Job has not yet tried conclusions with me" (Dr.). In any case the meaning is: when I have spoken, in a manner very different from you (^{11b}, if not also ^{14a}), you will see that it is not necessary to call in God in person to vanquish Job; a

- ²² For I cannot give flattering titles ;
My Maker would soon take me away.

XXXIII. ¹ Howbeit, hear now, O Job, my speech,
And listen to all my words.
² Behold now, I have opened my mouth,
My tongue in my palate hath spoken.
³ My heart ¹overflows¹ with sayings ¹of ¹knowledge ;
My lips speak that which is pure.
⁴ The spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

22. He will not give fair titles to men ²¹, because he could not ^{22a}, if he wished, and would not, if he could, for fear of divine punishment, ^{22b}.

XXXIII. 1-7. Elihu now turns to Job, with an invitation to listen (^{1f}) and if possible to answer (⁵), repeating to him (^{3f}), what he had already said to the friends (32^s. 18ff.), that he is full of words, due to the action on him of the divine spirit, and assuring him that they meet on equal terms (^{6f}) as follow human-beings.

1. *O Job*] Elihu, unlike the friends, addresses Job by name (³¹ 37¹⁴; cp. the references to Job by name in 34⁵. 7. 35^f. 35¹⁶). The difference is not completely explained by the fact that, unlike the friends, he does not address himself exclusively to Job. The change from address to the friends to address to Job would have been sufficiently marked by the change from 2nd p. pl. to 2nd p. sing. (cp. 34¹⁶ after 34¹⁰). The difference is rather due to difference of writers.

2. The poverty of this v. seems to Bu. to be cured by making it hypothetical: If I have opened my mouth . . . ³ my heart, etc.

3. *My* words (utter) the uprightness (⁶²⁵) of my heart (Dt. 9⁵, Ps. 119⁷, 1 Ch. 29¹⁷); and the knowledge of my lips they speak sincerely: see phil. n.

4. Cp. 32^s n.—“Elihu appeals to the Divine spirit which both created him and maintains him in life: it is a spirit which is common to all men; but ‘in his animated zeal for God against the charges of Job he feels that it is within him in a powerful degree and gives him a higher wisdom than ordinary’ (Dav. :

- ⁵ If thou canst, answer me ;
 Draw up before me, (and) stand forth.
⁶ Behold, I (stand) towards God even as thou (dost) ;
 From the (same piece of) clay I also was snipped off.
⁷ Behold, my terror shall not affright thee,
 And my urgency shall not be heavy upon thee.
⁸ Nevertheless thou said'st in my hearing,
 And I heard the voice of (thy) words :—

similarly Del.). It thus both guarantees his sincerity ³, and gives him strength to confront Job confidently ⁵. Bu. Be. Du. omit the v. as in a sense a duplicate of ⁶, premature here, and superfluous after ⁶. But ⁶ speaks only of the *material* side of man's nature ; this v. emphasizes his being made and kept alive by God's spirit : so that the points of view of the two verses are different. Peake would transpose to follow ⁶ ; but the point in ⁶ is that Elihu is a *man*, made from the dust like Job, and therefore ⁷ he will not browbeat him like God ; between ⁶ and ⁷ the thought of the Divine spirit as his maker and sustainer would be out of place" (Dr.).

5. *Draw up*] *sc.* your case, or arguments : or, fig., your line of battle : see phil. n.

6b. Cp. 10⁹.—*From the clay . . . snipped off*] cp. the phrase, used of Eabani's creation in the Gilgamesh Epic (Tab. I, col. 2, l. 34), "snipped off clay" (*ti-tu iḫ-ta-ri-iṣ*), and also that in the cosmological fragment cited in Rogers, *CP* p. 45, *Ea iḫ-ru-ša ti-ta-[am] ib-ni il libitti*, Ea broke off the clay, he created the god of bricks.

7. Elihu comes "not in terror as the King of kings" : cp. 9³⁴ 13²¹.

8-33. This, the first part of Elihu's refutation, begins (9-11. (13)), like the two subsequent parts (34^{5, 6} 35^{2, 3}), with a summary of Job's position as Elihu understands it. Job has asserted ⁸ (1) that he is without sin,⁹ (2) that consequently God's hard treatment of him proceeds from mere enmity, and is without moral justification or purpose,^{10f.} (3) that God refuses to answer him,^{12f.} (corrected text). Elihu addresses himself primarily to (3), though his reply even to this is so far indirectly expressed that he answers Job's assertion about his

own *particular* case by reference to God's *general* treatment of men; still more indirectly — though clearly enough, does he express his dissent from (1) and (2). Job's assertion that God does not answer *him*, Elihu argues, arises from his not discerning God's many modes of speaking to *men*,¹⁴ as for example (1) by vision,¹⁵⁻¹⁷; (2) through suffering,^{19ff.} Suffering rightly received (not wrongly, as by Job), through the activity of angels, leads (good) men to say, "I have sinned,"²⁷ (not, like Job,⁹ "I am sinless"): and, thereupon, God redeems the sufferer. In whatever way God speaks or answers, it is with the aim of rescuing men from sin, and so from the suffering which sin entails,^{17f. 29f.} Let Job answer Elihu if he can, and if not, silently listen to him,^{30-33.}

8 13. Here as in 34^{5f.} 35^{2f.} Elihu makes, as Šophar had done in 11⁴, his starting-point words used by Job, or thought by Elihu (for the quotations are not all exact) to have been used by him in the course of the debate with the friends. But Bu. exaggerates and misrepresents the significance of this when he says: "the friends seek Job's sins in his conduct (Tun) before the time of his sufferings, Elihu only in his assertions, since these have befallen him. They embittered Job by false suspicions. Elihu confines himself only to the facts known to all concerned." For if the assertions attributed to Job in ⁹ are true, they are not sinful; and if not true, their falsehood is due to Job's conduct before his sufferings befell him. As a matter of fact, ⁹ is not a true statement of Job's point of view: he had never claimed immunity from all sin; on the contrary, had recognized that he, like all men, had not been free from sin (7²¹ 13²⁶, cp. 10⁶). What he had maintained was his integrity (1¹ n.), that he was not contumaciously wicked, that he was in the right (9^{21f.} 10⁷ 13¹⁸ 16¹⁷ 23^{7, 10-12} 27⁴⁻⁶ 31) in the issue which, on the current theory, was being decided against him by the very fact of his sufferings: in other words, that he belonged to the class of those whose whole soul was set against the sins to which human nature is prone and devoted to the ways of God, and to whom accordingly, on the current theory, prosperity was due. Why these unparalleled sufferings? Not, Job had asserted, because I had so sinned as to deserve

- ⁹ "Pure am I, without transgression;
Clean, and I have no iniquity (in me):
¹⁰ Behold, he findeth [pretex^ts] against me,
He holdeth me for his enemy.
¹¹ He putteth my feet in the stocks,
He marketh all my ways."
¹² Behold, herein thou art not in the right^a;
For God is greater than man.
¹³ Wherefore contendest thou with him (saying),
"He answereth none of [my] words"?

them; yes, the friends had been driven to say, inventing sins in Job's past life to justify their answer because your sins had deserved them: yes, Elihu seems to say all irrelevantly, because no man is without sin: neither are you.

9. Not an exact quotation: see on 8.—*Pure*] in reference to Job (8⁶, Bildad; 11⁴ Šophar); to Job's prayer 16¹⁷ (Job); to the heavens (15¹⁵, Eliphaz); the stars (25⁵, Bildad). The parallel term *clean* is peculiar to Elihu.

10a. Cp. 10¹³⁻¹⁷; ^b is, allowing for the necessary change of persons, an exact quotation of 13²⁴: cp. also 19¹¹ 30²¹.—*Pretex^ts*] for picking a quarrel with me: *frustrations*: see phil. n.

11. = 13²⁷.

12. In consequence, probably of corruption of the text, the exact point of the v. is uncertain. In ^a G reads, For how sayest thou, I am in the right, and (yet) he answereth me not. For this and some attempts to emend the text—none of them quite satisfactory, see phil. n.—*Herein*] in the statements just cited in ⁹⁻¹¹.—*In the right*] H + I (will) answer thee.—*For God is greater than man*] "and consequently above all arbitrary, unreasoning hostility" (Du.); or the meaning may be: greater than and so unaccountable to men. G represents a very different text, which, though not so understood by G, might have meant: for God hideth Himself from men (cp. 9^{11f}).

13. Why quarrel with God? the reason you allege, that He does not answer you, is false; He does answer, ¹⁴.—*My words*] H his words: if this were right, the pronoun would refer directly to man (^{12b}), in general, and only implicitly to Job.

- 14 For God speaketh in one way,
 And in two, without (man's) perceiving it :—
 15 In dream, in vision of the night,
 When deep sleep falleth upon men,
 During hours of slumber in (their) bed ;
 16 Then he uncovereth the ear of men,
 And dismayeth them with admonishments (?) ;

14. God speaks in more ways than one, by dreams, sufferings, etc., and men fail to recognize the fact—not, of course, always (for see 17^{ff.}), but often ; Elihu is content to omit the qualification, because the general law is exemplified by Job, whom he has particularly in view. In view of the general terms of 15^{ff.}, it is doubtful whether we ought to make 14 specific in form, as it is in implication, by reading “without *they* perceiving it.”—*In one way . . . in two ways*] *i.e.* in several ways (see phil. n.).

15-18. First illustration of the ways in which God speaks. He speaks to men, as He had spoken (cp. 7¹⁴) to Job in particular, by means of dreams with the immediate aim of deflecting them from their evil courses 17, and the ultimate aim 18 of saving them from the evil fate to which their courses would lead.

15. *Dream, vision of the night*] cp., in parallelism, 20⁸ ; so in the pl. “dreams” || “visions,” 7¹⁴.—b. = 4^{13b} : see nn there.—*Hours of slumber*] Hebr. *slumberings* ; the pl. as in Pr. 6¹⁰ (a few moments, or snatches, of slumber ; ct. the sing. in 4).

16. *Uncovereth the ear of*] *i.e.* imparts a communication to ; the phrase is used of a man revealing a purpose or secret to another (1 S. 20², Ru. 4⁴), especially one that closely concerns the person whose ear is “uncovered” (1 S. 20¹² 22^{8, 17}) ; and then of God's imparting to man a promise (2 S. 7²⁷), warning (here, 36^{10, 15}) or direction (1 S. 9¹⁵).—b. A very ambiguous line (see phil. n.). Even *𐤁* seems to admit, and indeed to suggest, two different renderings : (1) And he sealeth their fetter, *i.e.* strengthens the bond that binds them to God—very improbable ; or, (2) he sealeth their instruction, which has been interpreted in several ways (see Di.) ; *e.g.* : (a) “puts the seal to, or con-

- ¹⁷ In order to turn mankind aside ¹ from his ¹ (evil) work,
 And to ¹ cut away ¹ pride from man ;
¹⁸ To keep back his soul from the pit,
 And his life from passing away through (God's) missiles.
¹⁹ He is also disciplined with pain upon his bed,
 While the strife of his bones is perennial ;

firms, their moral education" (Dr.) ; or (*b*) imparts instruction to them under seal, *i.e.* secretly (Ges. *Theol.* 538a) : this would correspond admirably to the sense of the parallel, but it is doubtful whether the Hebrew naturally expresses it. With a change of punctuation, **וְ** may also be rendered as above, though Di. in criticism of it remarks, not altogether without force, that admonishments are not the means to create dismay, nor is dismay the purpose of admonishment ; this criticism can be obviated by taking a suggestion from **וְ**, and rendering : And dismayeth them with what they see (**בַּמַּרְאִי**) : by night God suggests to men words ^a of counsel, and brings before them ^b visions of their fate (cp. ¹⁸), if they persist in sin (cp. ¹⁷). This reading would connect ¹⁵, even more strikingly with ⁷¹⁴ : Job there refers to visions sent by God which scared him ; but they had not, in Elihu's view, turned Job from his sin.

17 f. Cp. ³⁶¹⁰⁻¹². For the emendations adopted above, see phil. n. Pride, according to Bu., is specially mentioned (cp. ³⁶⁹) as, in Elihu's view, Job's besetting sin, but see *Intro.* § 41. **וְ** can be rendered, but only in such ways as at once indicate the improbability of its correctness : *e.g.* that mankind may put away work, and hide pride from man (cp. RVm.) ; or, that mankind may put away work and pride from man, who hides (both : Hoffm.). Ehrlich, with no more extensive alterations than those adopted above, renders : Hiding from mankind his work, and concealing (his) majesty from man.

18. *The pit*] ¹⁷¹⁴ n.—*Passing away through (God's) missiles*] *i.e.* perishing owing to the divine retribution for persistent sin overtaking him ; or, *passing on into missiles*, *i.e.* rushing unconsciously to their fate ; or, emending, *passing on into Sheol* : see phil. n.

19. Secondly, God speaks to men through the discipline

- ²⁰ His appetite abhorreth food,
And his soul dainties.
²¹ His flesh wasteth away so that it cannot be seen,
And his bones . . .
²² And so his soul draweth near to the pit,
And his life to the slayers.

of pain and sickness (cp. Ps. 38⁴): all Job's pains, if Job but understood it, are words of God admonishing him. Eliphaz had said the same (5^{17f.}); "Elihu's originality is confined to a long-winded description of suffering" (Du.).—*The strife of his bones*] fig. for racking pains. On the alternative reading, "the multitude of his bones," and emendations, see phil. n.—*Perennial*] see phil. n. on 12¹⁹.

20. Sickness produces nausea, so that, though hungry, the sick man finds even favourite foods disgusting: see phil. n.

21. *His flesh wasteth away*] cp. Pr. 5¹¹ "at thy latter end, when thy flesh and thy body waste away"; Ps. 73²⁶. The vb. is used with other subjects in 7⁹ (of a *vanishing* cloud compared with man's vanishing in death), 7⁶ (of the days of a man's life), 11²⁰ (of the eyes), 19²⁷ (of the reins).—*So that it cannot be seen*] if legitimate, the rendering, *so that it is not* (any longer) *sightly*, would be preferable; but see phil. n.—*His bones . . .*] the words left untranslated are very questionable. The line has commonly been rendered and interpreted, *And his bones, which were* (formerly) *not seen* (because then covered with flesh) *are* (now that they are denuded of flesh ^a, laid) *bare*; improbable: see phil. n.

22. *The slayers*] the only allusion (for 2 S. 24¹⁶, Ps. 78⁴⁹ are not strict parallels), itself not absolutely certain (see phil. n.), in the OT., to the angels of death, who take the soul of the dying man to its place in Sheol. These play a considerable part in later Jewish literature; so first in Test. Asher 6⁴, "For the latter ends of men do show their righteousness (or unrighteousness), when they meet (so read with Charles) the angels of the Lord and of Satan"; and later the idea was elaborated, see, e.g., *Kethuboth*, 104^a: "When a wicked man is destroyed, three bands of destroying angels meet him; one cries, No peace, saith God, for the wicked; another, Ye shall

²³ If (now) there be for him an angel,
 An interpreter, one of a thousand,
 To declare unto man what is right for him ;

lie down in pain ; and a third, Go down and lie with the uncircumcized." See, further, Charles's n. on Test. Asher 64 : Bousset, *Die Religion des Judenthums*, 284 f.

23-28. But in the very article of death (²²), an angel may visit the sick man, and interpret to him what God had been saying to him through his sufferings (²³), viz. that he had sinned ; if the sick man acknowledges his sin and repents, then he is brought back from death's door to complete health (²⁴). On his recovery the man publicly recites in song how he had sinned and been saved (²⁶⁻²⁸). The general sense, so far, of the vv. is clear ; owing probably to more or less mutilation of the text, several details are obscure.

23f. The verses are irregular in form, probably as a result of the loss, and, perhaps, also of the addition of words : see phil. n.

23. *If*] Du. reads **IN**, *then* (there is for him, etc.), on the ground that Elihu's theory is futile, if it is a mere accident whether God sends an angel, and so saves the sick man.—*For him*] working for the good of the sick man (see phil. n.) ; Hi. Wr. *beside* (cp. 1 K. 22¹⁹) *him*, viz. God ; but this is equally improbable, whether we continue in ^a "to declare unto man (God's) uprightness" (Hi.), or "to proclaim on man's behalf his (man's) uprightness" (Wr.).—*An interpreter*] of angels intermediating between God and man 5¹ appears to speak (see n. there) ; here, as the context indicates, the function of this special class of angels was to interpret to men, as it were, the foreign and unintelligible language (Gn. 42²³) of God's dealings with them. As Du. well points out, the angel here performs the same function as, in earlier stories, was discharged by prophets (Is. 38) ; and it is to prophets or the like that the same term "interpreters" is applied in Is. 43²⁷.—*One of a thousand*] No sick man need fear that there are not enough angels deputed for this service to serve all needs, for angels with this one duty of interpreting numbered thousand(s) : angels of all classes numbered myriads (Dn. 7¹⁰).—*What is*

- ²¹ And (if) he be gracious and say,
 "Release him from going down to the pit;
 I have found a ransom [for his life]";
²⁵ His flesh becometh fresh with youth,
 He returneth to the days of his lustihood;

right for him] *℣* his fault: Du. *his discipline*, i.e. the meaning of it. In *℣* a line parallel to ^{23c} follows: And to bring him to a knowledge of his sins; this may have formed part of the original text; see phil. n. on ²³⁻²⁵.

24. *And if he be gracious*] much less probably, *then he is gracious* (RV.), since ²³ by itself much less clearly even than ^{23f} indicates that the sick man has recognized his sin—the condition of favour being shown to him. The subj. is the interpreting angel, who now addresses a particular angel of death (²²) who was on the point of carrying off the sick man to Sheol, a situation which foreshadows the later highly developed doctrine of opposed types of angels interested in the death of men: cp. also Michael's contention with Satan over the body of Moses, Jude ⁹. Others take God as the subj., on the ground (Di.) that the right of showing favour and receiving ransom does not belong to the angel; and certainly, if it is not to the "slayer," it must be to God that the ransom is ultimately paid (cp. the illuminating parallel in Ps. 49⁸⁻¹⁰ (7-9)); yet the angel may speak as God's agent.—*Ransom*] *kopher*, the price paid in lieu of forfeiting life (Ex. 21³⁰). The whole sentence implies that the sick man has confessed and repented, even though we need not with Di. Dr. say that the ransom is the repentance.

25. If the angel succeeds in his purpose of bringing the sick man to repentance, ^{23f}, then he renews his youth. Du., who eliminates the hypothetical in ²³, takes this v. (rendering, *let his flesh become . . . let him return*) as continuing the words spoken by the interpreting angel to the angel of death.—*With youth*] or, *more than in youth*: or (*℣*), *as that of a youth*.

26. Being recovered from his sickness, the man (makes a solemn visit to the Temple, offers sacrifice and) prays to God acceptably; such are probably the implications of the v.; cp. the similar passage in Eliphaz's speech (22²⁷), "Thou shalt entreat him (God), and he will hear thee, And thou shalt pay thy vows."

- ²⁶ He entreateth God and he is favourable to him,
 And he seeth his face with (the sound of Temple) music ;
 And he ¹proclaimeth his righteousness unto man,
²⁷ He singeth unto men, and saith,

—*He seeth his face*] the alternative rendering of הוּ, He (God) lets (him) see His face, would be against the analogy of 22^{27b}. The meaning is rather: he (the man restored to health) sees His (God's) face, *i.e.* visits the temple (cp. 22^{27b}), and makes an offering for his recovery: cp., Thou shalt not see my face empty handed (Ex. 23¹⁵ 34²⁰); see also Is. 1¹² (with n. there). Other terms in the v. are also probably used with special reference to the cultus; thus, the vb. *to be favourable* (to a person: רצה) is predicated of God frequently, though not exclusively, in connection with sacrifices: cp. 2 S. 24²³, Hos. 8¹³, Jer. 14¹², Ezk. 20^{40. 41} 43²⁷; cp. also the recurrent phrase לרצון in connection with sacrifices (*e.g.* Lv. 1³, Is. 60⁷). The last phrase of the v. might mean simply: with shouts of joy, the noun (חרועה) being used as in 8²¹ (| שחוק); but perhaps it refers to the joyous sounds or music that accompanied ritual acts; cp. Ps. 33³ 47⁶ and especially Ps. 27⁶, (107²²), “sacrifices of הַרְוֵעָה,” *i.e.* accompanied by music. Others, however, interpret ^{26b} of admission in a spiritual sense to God's presence (so Dr.); then cp. Ps. 11⁷.

26c, 27, 28. The man not only prays to God (^{26c}) in the Temple, but there also he makes public (^{27a}) confession of sin (^{27b}) which caused his sickness, and of God's goodness in not dealing with him according to his deserts (^{27c}), but, instead, bringing him back from death's door (^{28a}), and allowing him once again to enjoy health (^{28b}).

26c. *He proclaims his righteousness*] *i.e.* the sick man proclaims God's “righteousness,” as shown, namely, in His faithfulness in restoring the penitent to health; cp. Ps. 40^{10f.}, and also Ps. 22^{23. 32} (22. 31) 35¹⁸. Thus emended the line becomes an admirable parallel to ^{27a}. הוּ must be rendered: *He* (God) *restoreth unto man his* (man's) *righteousness*, *i.e.* looks upon him again as righteous; but, besides involving an awkward change of subject from ^{26b}, this is really a *hysteron proteron*; for the

"I sinned, and made crooked that which was straight,
 Yet he requited me not ^r according to my iniquity ¹;
²⁸ He redeemed my soul from passing on to the pit,
 And my life (now) seeth its fill of the light."

sick man is already again treated as righteous when his health returns to him (²⁵).

27. *He singeth unto*] *ח* probably intends *he looketh upon* (RVm.), which is quite inappropriate. It is difficult, as Du. remarks, to see how otherwise the convalescent could publicly sing such a psalm of confession and thanksgiving as follows in ^{27b}, c. ²⁸ than by means of the Temple services; when a man presented a thank-offering (תודה) for recovery, the Temple singers may have sung on the man's behalf an appropriate psalm appointed for such purposes; we may compare the title to Ps. 100 "for (an offering of) thanksgiving" (לתודה; cp. Lv. ^{71f}), though this psalm is not suited for the thanksgiving in particular of a convalescent, and the custom attested in the Mishnah of appointing Psalms to be recited by the Levites in connection with the offerings made by groups of individuals, e.g. Ps. 30, when the inhabitants of a particular district presented firstfruits at the temple (Ber. iii.: see *Numbers*, p. 228). For the close association of *ℓ'ru'ah* (^{26b}) and Temple-singing, cp. Ps. ²⁷⁶, "I will sacrifice in his tent sacrifices of *ℓ'ru'ah*, I will sing and make melody unto Yahweh."—*Made crooked that which was straight*] cp. Mic. ³⁹ (with a synonymous vb. עקט, here העעית), "who abhor right, and make crooked all that is straight, building up Jerusalem with blood," etc.; cp. also (with עוה as here) "he (God) hath made crooked my ways," Lam. ³⁹: "they have made their way crooked," Jer. ³²¹; and with עקט Is. ⁵⁹⁸, "the way of peace they know not, and right is not in their paths, their tracks they have made crooked," Pr. ¹⁰⁹.—27c. see phil. n.

28. *From passing on*] v. ^{18b}.—*The pit*] ^{18a}: see phil. n.—*Seeth its fill of*] or *has pleasure in the sight of*, the expressive idiom used so often in the psalms and commonly rendered "to see one's pleasure on."—*The light*] as in ³¹⁶. ²⁰, the light of day, or, as ³⁰ calls it, "of life," contrasted tacitly with Sheol, to which the sick man had drawn sufficiently near to be involved in its darkness.

- ²⁹ Lo, all these things God doeth,
 Twice, thrice with man,
³⁰ To bring back his soul from the pit,
 That he might ¹ see his fill of ¹ the light of life.
³¹ Give heed, Job; hearken to me;
 Keep silence, and *I* will speak.
³² If thou *hast* ought to say, answer me;
 Speak, for I desire to pronounce thee innocent,
³³ If not, do *thou* listen to me,
 Keep silence, and I will teach thee wisdom.

XXXIV. ¹ And Elihu answered and said,

29. God repeatedly applies the methods just described (⁸⁻²⁰), chastisements, dreams, angelic messengers.—*Twice, thrice*] ⁵¹⁹ n.

30. *See his fill of*] cp.²⁸. **¶** has been rather questionably taken to mean *enlighten (him) with*, or, still more questionably, *be enlightened with*: see phil. n.—*Light of life*] the parallel terms of ³²⁰ are here combined into a genitival phrase.

31-33. Elihu invites Job to listen to further wisdom from his lips (^{31. 33}), unless (³²) he has any words ready with which to reply to what Elihu has just said. To reduce Elihu's wordiness, Bu. omits ³³; **¶** improved Elihu even more thoroughly by omitting ^{31b-33}. With ³², cp. ⁵.

XXXIV. 1. Cp. ³⁵¹, and see above, p. 277.

2-37. The second part of Elihu's refutation of Job. In the first part (³³⁸⁻³⁰) Elihu, though he cited (³³⁹) Job's assertion of innocence, actually confined himself to meeting Job's complaint that God does not speak to him: here, once again (cp. ³³⁹⁻¹¹ ³⁵³) summarizing Job's assertions (^{5f. 9}), he takes up Job's claim to be righteous, with its corollary that God is the subverter of right, and, addressing himself at first (²⁻¹⁵) to the wise (^{2. 10}), and then (¹⁶⁻³⁷: note the 2nd p. sing. ^{16f. 33}) to Job, replies that Job is wicked (^{7f.}), that God is not a subverter of right (¹⁰⁻¹²), nor can be, for He is beyond question (^{13. 20-32}) and supreme, unerring in the observation and unflinching in the punishment of wickedness (¹⁴⁻²³): he concludes with the opinion of the wise, that Job speaks foolishly in multiplying his wicked words against God (²⁴⁻³⁷).

2-4. Let the wise, exercising their power of intellectual and

- ² Hear, ye wise, my words,
 And ye that have knowledge, give ear to me ;
³ For the ear testeth words,
 As the palate tasteth ¹ food ¹.
⁴ What is right, let us choose for ourselves ;
 Let us know among ourselves what is good.
⁵ For Job hath said, "I am righteous,
 And it is God who hath taken away my right ;
⁶ Notwithstanding my right, I am ¹ in pain ¹ !
 My arrow(-wound) is incurable, though I am without
 transgression."
⁷ Who is a man like Job,
 Who drinketh up scorning like water,
⁸ And taketh his path to associate with workers of naughtiness,
 And to go with men of wickedness ?

moral taste or discrimination (³ = 12¹¹ Job) *choose* (cp. Is. 7¹⁶) or discriminate what is right and *good* (Is. 7¹⁶) over against Job's blasphemous assertions.

2. *Ye wise*] not the three friends (Bu.), for the tone of reproof used in addressing the latter (32^{7ff.}) is no longer present, but a wider circle of wise men whom the author either pictures as gathered together to consider Job's case, or addresses by a literary convention (cp. "my son" in Proverbs).

5f. Elihu in part cites (^{5b} = 27²), in part summarizes Job's position; cp. 9^{15, 20} 10^{7a}.

6. *I am in pain*] *I am to lie*, which is supposed to mean I am to be accounted a liar when I maintain that right is on my side; see phil. n.—*My arrow(-wound)*] the wound inflicted by God's arrows (6⁴).

7. Cp. 15¹⁶ (Eliphaz) "a man that drinketh up *iniquity* like water"; Elihu specifies derisive speech about God as one of Job's sins, and gives (as Eliphaz, 22^{13f.}, before him) a specimen in ⁹; but Elihu does not *limit* his charges against Job to sins of speech (Bu.); the terms in ⁸ (אֶתְּ רִשְׁוֹ) are as wide as that in 15^{16b} (עֲוֹנוֹ).—*Scorning*] לַעֲנֵי, like the synonymous term (לְצַחִים) in Ps. 1², of scornful speech about God.

8. Cp. 22¹⁵ (Eliphaz). Elihu depicts Job as a man making a practice of selecting a path in which he could be sure of companions in wickedness.

- ⁹ For he hath said, "A man profiteth not
By being well pleased with God."
¹⁰ Therefore, [ye wise, give heed];
Ye men of understanding, hearken to me.
Far be it from God to do wickedness,
And from the Almighty to do unrighteously.
¹¹ For the work of man he repayeth unto him,
And as (is) the path of each (such is what) he causes
to befall him.
¹² Yea, surely, *God* doth not do wickedly,
And the *Almighty* doth not pervert right.
¹³ Who entrusted to him the earth?
And who hath laid ^r upon him ^r the whole world?

9. The citation again is not exact (cp. on ^{5f.}); but cp. 9²². ^{30f.} 10³ 21^{7ff.}. An exacter parallel outside Job is Mal. 3¹³. 14. In 35³ Elihu substantially repeats his present charge, and then (not in this c.) proceeds to refute it; on this ground and because it comes in lamely here, Bu. rejects the present v.; note also the occurrence of *elohim* (see p. 232 n.).

10. *Ye wise, give heed*] see phil. n. For *wise* and *men of understanding* (Heb. *heart*: 7¹⁷ n.), see ³⁴; cp. ². Bi. B:1. Nichols om. 10^{a. b.}.—c. d. Cp. 8³ (Bildad).—*To do unrighteously*] & *to pervert justice*, as in 8³: see phil. n.

11. So far from perverting justice (¹⁰. ¹²) by granting to the wicked prosperity and to the righteous adversity, God scrupulously and exactly makes a man's lot in life correspond to his deeds ^a, and path of life, *i.e.* his conduct ^b.—Elihu here contradicts in general terms, as Bildad (8⁴) had contradicted in particular terms by reference to Job's children, the assertion (¹⁰ 8³) that God makes men suffer beyond their deserts.—

a. The same principle is frequently stated in similar terms: see Is. 3¹¹, Pr. 12^{14b} 19¹⁷, Ps. 28¹.—b. Lit., And the likeness of the path of a man (עֲלָמָא) he causeth to find him: on the idiom, see phil. n. Job's sufferings correspond to the wicked path (⁸) he had habitually followed.

12. Cp. ¹⁰ and 8³.

13. God does not do wickedly (¹²); for (¹³) He rules the earth, not as the deputy of someone else (cp. 36^{23a}), but as supreme and answerable to none: consequently no one can call Him to account, and say to Him (36^{23b}), Thou hast done wickedly:

- ¹⁴ If he were ^r to cause his spirit to return ^l to himself,
 And were to gather unto himself his breath ;
¹⁵ All flesh would expire together,
 And man would return unto the dust.

- ¹⁶ And if ^r thou hast ^l understanding, hear this ;
 Give ear to the voice of my words.

- ¹⁷ *Can* one that hateth right govern ?
 And wilt thou pronounce wicked the mighty just one ?

consequently again He cannot do wickedly. Such seems to be the line of argument underlying the v., the idea of God's supremacy being further enforced in ^{14f}. God may call the "sons of the gods" to account for unjust administration (Ps. 82), but the "sons of the gods," and still less men, have neither right nor power to call God to account: He can do no wrong.—*Hath laid upon him*] though uncertain, this rendering is preferable to the alternatives *disposed* (RV.), *founded* (i.e. at creation), *observed*, *attended to* (see phil. n.); for all these are open to the objections (1) that, whereas the first line expects the answer: No one, the second would require the answer: No one but He; and (2) so interpreted, would obscure the line of thought suggested by ^a.

14 f. All human life is absolutely dependent on God, who creates human life by imparting spirit and breath (Gn. 2⁷, Is. 42⁵, Ps. 104²⁹), and ends it by withdrawing (Ps. 104²⁹, Eccl. 12⁷) these. God could, if He wished, demonstrate His supremacy by depriving every living thing of life in a single moment. Whether the further thought is present, that man's still living on proves God's benevolent care (Peake), or freedom from unrighteousness (cp. Bu. Di.), is doubtful. With the phraseology here cp. particularly Ps. 104²⁹: "He gathereth their breath, they expire, and return unto their dust": Eccl. 12⁷, "the spirit returneth unto God." The spirit of life in man may be described either as man's spirit from its residing in man during life (so Ps. 104²⁹), or as God's spirit from its originating with Him (here, Ps. 104²⁹). On the text translated above, and on **1** (quite illegitimately translated in RV. ^{14a}), see phil. n.

16. Elihu turns from the wider audience (¹⁻¹⁵) to address Job in particular.

- ¹⁸ Him who saith to a king, "Thou scoundrel"!
 And to nobles, "Ye wicked";
¹⁹ Who showeth not partiality to princes,
 Nor regardeth the opulent above the poor?

17. The point of the question appears to be: God actually governs, and is *ipso facto* a lover and securer of right within His dominion; for, ^a hatred and rejection of right brings government to naught: injustice and government are incompatible; similarly, ^b God is the mighty just one: therefore He is not unjust, and you must not say that He is. Since whether the government of God and perversion of right, God and injustice are incompatibles, is the question that Job has raised, Elihu's questions imply assertions which, as Du. (cp. Peake) well points out, are really a *petitio principii*.

18. Develops and expands the idea of "the mighty just one" in ¹⁷: God is not deflected from the path of equity by the fear or favour of the great ones of the earth; as their maker (^{19c}) He is immeasurably mightier than they; kings and princes no less than the poorest of mankind, if they are wicked, He calls and treats as such; men may, and too often do (Is. 32⁵), call wicked men in high places good: not so God. On the indefensible interpretation of ~~ל~~ followed by EVV. see phil. n.—*Scoundrel*] Heb. *bēliyyā'al*, *belial*, the term used of various forms of contemptible or outrageous conduct, such as contemptible niggardliness (Dt. 15⁹, 1 S. 25²⁵ 30²²), outrageous sexual offence (Jg. 19²²), professional perjury (1 K. 21¹⁰; cp. Pr. 19²⁸); here it is best taken widely as implying any form of peculiarly heinous wickedness.

19c, 20a. The reason why God does not excuse wickedness in the rich and powerful is (^{19c}) that they are His creatures with whom He has no cause to curry favour, and the proof (^{20a}) that they are wicked is the fact that such persons die suddenly. But this is awkwardly expressed, and the form of the distich is suspicious: see phil. n.—*At midnight*] death steals upon them when they are not expecting it: cp. 27^{19f}, Jer. 49⁹, 1 Thess. 5², Lk. 12²⁹.

20b. c. ~~ל~~ is corrupt, and the emended text not certain; see phil. n.—*The opulent*] v. ^{19b}; ~~ל~~ (*the*) *people*.—*Smitten*] of

- For the work of his hands are they all ;
²⁰ In a moment they die and at midnight :
 The 'opulent' are 'smitten', and pass away,
 And the mighty are removed without hand.
²¹ For his eyes are on the ways of a man,
 And all his steps he seeth.
²² There is no darkness, and there is no thick gloom,
 For the workers of iniquity therein to hide themselves.
²³ For not for a man doth he appoint a 'stated time',
 That he should go before God in judgment.
²⁴ He breaketh in pieces mighty men without investigation,
 And setteth others in their place.
²⁵ Therefore he knoweth their works,
 And overturneth (them) in the night so that they are
 crushed.

God || to "without (human) hand" in ^c, the vb. being the pass. (Ps. 73⁵) of that used in 1¹¹ (n.) 19²¹: *U shaken violently*.—*Without hand*] mysteriously, not by the hand of men, but by God: see phil. n.

21 f. As God allows no sinner, however powerful, to escape through fear of Him ^{18f.}, so He never, through limitation of knowledge, fails to observe and punish sin: He is omniscient. Cp. 22^{13f.}, where Eliphaz misrepresents Job, who, no less than the friends, admits (31¹) the omniscience of God, but draws the different conclusion that He must therefore be aware of his innocence (10⁷).

22. Ps. 139^{11f.}; Jer. 23²⁴.

23 f. The punishment of God descends on man in a moment (²⁰); for, being omniscient (^{21f.}), He has no need to be hindered by "law's delays"; unlike a human judge, He appoints no future day for the hearing of the case, nor has any need to carry on a lengthy and laborious investigation of it. The words seem to be directed against the wish which Job has expressed that the case between God and himself might be heard, and that the *reason* of God's treatment should thus be revealed (23^{3ff.}), though he has anticipated Elihu in pointing out that as a matter of fact God and man do not meet at a tribunal (9^{32f.}).—*For . . . a stated time*] *U* is most simply rendered: *for of a man he takes no further notice*; against this and other renderings of *U*, see phil. n.

- ²⁶ [His wrath] shattereth the wicked,
 He slappeth them in the place of (all) beholders.
²⁷ Forasmuch as they turned aside from following him,
 And heeded none of his ways,
²⁸ That they might cause the cry of the poor to come unto
 him,
 And that he might hear the cry of the needy.
²⁹ And if he giveth quiet, who then can condemn?
 And if he hide the face, who then can behold him?
³⁰
³¹ For unto God hath one (ever) said, ". . .

³² do thou teach me:
 If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more."
³³ According to *thy* judgment, . . . ?
 For thou must choose, and not I;
 And what thou knowest, speak.

25. If the v. is in place (Du. om. ²⁵, Bu. ²⁵⁻²⁸; see also phil. n. on ²⁶), and rightly read, *therefore*, as in Is. 26¹⁴, does not denote consequence, but develops what is implicit in what precedes, here in ^{23f}. (*Lex.* 487*a*).

26*a*. *U*, unsuitably: instead of the wicked he slappeth them, etc. See, further, phil. n.

28. *That they might*] the consequence being represented as the intention: cp. *e.g.* Am. 2⁷, Jer. 7¹⁸ (*Lex.* s.v. לָמַעַן; cp. 775*b*).

29-33. These verses are as a whole unintelligible, the details being, if not unintelligible, then (as in ²⁹) very ambiguous, and the ambiguities, in face of the extreme uncertainty of the remainder, insoluble. In addition to its unintelligibility, the formlessness of much (^{29c}. 30. 31. 35) of the passage points to considerable corruption of the text. By the help of emendations, necessarily conjectural, for *Q* omits the vv. and the other VV. give no help, or by forced and utterly improbable interpretations of the existing text, translations have been attempted, but none, at least of ^{29c-32a} is sufficiently probable to be reproduced above. One or two alternatives may be given here; discussion of further details may be found in the phil. nn. Without emendation, and without attempting to make individual clauses more intelligible in English than they are in

¶, the vv. may be rendered: ²⁹ And (if) he is (or, giveth) quiet, who, then, can condemn? And (if) he hide the face, who, then, can behold him? Both upon (or, toward, or against) a nation, and upon (or against) man together; ³⁰ That the godless men reign not, That (there be) no snares of the people. ³¹ For unto God hath one said, I have borne, I will not offend (or, without offending); ³² Beyond (that which) I see, do *thou* teach me: if I have done iniquity, I will do it no more. ³³ According to *thy* judgment, will he repay it? that (or because) thou hast refused it. For (or, that) thou shouldest choose, and not I: and what thou knowest, speak. If this strangely expressed passage was really written originally as it now stands, it might, perhaps, with least improbability be explained (cp. Dr. in the *Book of Job*) as follows:—²⁹ When God gives respite from tyrannical rule, who can condemn Him for indifference or injustice? and when He hides His face from the deposed tyrants, which of them can recover His favour? In acting as these questions suggest, God keeps in view alike the interests of the individual and of the nation, ³⁰ preventing godless men from continuing to reign and from alluring the people to ruin. This point of view must be put, ³¹ for Job has spoken as no one ever had done before him, asserting that he had suffered, though he had committed no offence, ³² insisting that God should show him the sins he knows not of, and saying that *if* he has sinned (but not admitting that he has done so), he will do so no more. ³³ Elihu is satisfied with God's system of recompence: Job is not, but insists on one according to his judgment of what is fitting: it is for Job then, and not for Elihu, to choose what this alternative system of recompence shall be: let Job say what it is. Apart from minuter details, the chief difference among those who attempt to interpret the text as it stands, or as it has been variously emended, turns on the ambiguity of ²⁹, and on the nature of the speech in ^{31b.} ³². According to an alternative interpretation, ²⁹ refers to the (seeming) inactivity of God; even when God, in spite of cries for help (²⁸) directed to him, keeps quiet and hides his face so as not to give the help asked for, as many psalms show that he frequently seemed to do, man must not criticize, as Job has done (Du.). The

- ³⁴ Men of understanding will say to me,
 And (every) wise man that heareth me,
³⁵ "Job doth not speak with knowledge,
 Nor are his words (uttered) with discretion.
³⁶ Would that Job were tried unto the end,
 Because of (his) answers like those of wicked men."

speech in ^{31b. 32} has not only been understood as above, but (1) as containing a genuine and penitent confession of sin which certainly seems to be the most natural way to take ^{32b}, the least suspicious and ambiguous line in the whole passage (Bu.); then, if ^{31a} be left unemended, Elihu implies that Job has never made such a confession ("for unto God hath he ever said? no, never"); or, if ^{31a} be emended, it is (reading ^{אמר} for ^{האמר}) an exhortation to Job to make such a confession, or (reading ^{לְהִאמֵר}) a statement of what is the fitting course to take when God seems inactive in the face of appeals for help; or, (2) ^{31. 32} has been taken hypothetically, the virtual protasis beginning with ³³ (Du.). ³¹ If unto God one hath said . . . ³³ on thy account must he repay it? In c. 21, Job had demanded the punishment of the godless as the price of his believing that the government of the world is moral, but if, says Elihu on this interpretation, the godless makes a penitent confession, must God still punish him in order that you may believe? This, too, involves emendation, and even the emended text states the hypothesis in an extraordinary manner (see phil. n.).

34. All wise (cp. ^{2a}) and intelligent (cp. ^{10a}) men must agree with Elihu, that Job's wicked words against God display ignorance and lack of insight.

35 f. The text is again uncertain; but as Job is clearly referred to in the third person (ct. ^{16. 32}), it is better to take the vv. as continuing the citation of the opinion of the wise men begun in ³⁵: the opinion cited is that which Elihu assumes must be that of those ⁽²⁾ for whom he had summarized in ^{5f}. Job's words. If the opening word of ³⁶ (^{אבי}) really meant *I* would that, and retained its force, the words of the wise would be confined to ³⁵, and with ³⁶ Elihu would resume.

36. *Tried*] cp. ^{7¹⁸}.—*Unto the end*] *i.e.* till he ceases from his wicked answers. But the sense of ³⁶ may have been rather

37 "For he addeth unto his sin rebellion,
 Among us he slappeth (his hands),
 And multiplieth his words against God."

different; an emended text (see phil. n.) would read, But would that Job would let himself be warned for ever, And let him not class himself among wicked men.

37. *He addeth unto his sin rebellion*] *i.e.* he persists in sinning, becoming even more contumacious as fresh opportunities arise. With the idiom cp. Is. 30¹, "to add sin unto sin"; 1 S. 12¹⁹, "We have added unto all our sins what is bad in asking for ourselves a king," and the different though similarly constructed phrase in Jer. 45³.—*Rebellion*] the term (פִּשְׁעַ) often occurs as a mere synonym of other words for sin or iniquity; so || to iniquity (עַן), 7²¹ 14¹⁷ 31³³ 33⁹; to sin (חַטָּאת) 13²³ and (חָטָא, vb.) 8⁴ 35⁶; if so used here, the entire phrase "add to sin rebellion" is merely a variant on "add sin to sin." But the use of two different terms rather suggests that the second in contrast to the first is stronger; so in 8⁴ 35⁶ it stands, climactically perhaps, in the second line of the distich: yet in Ps. 32¹ it stands first. Such a climactic use of פִּשְׁעַ as contrasted with חַטָּאת would be in accordance with certain usages of the nouns or vbs.; the vb. פִּשְׁעַ is used at times of political revolt or rebellion (*e.g.* 2 K. 1¹, 1 K. 12¹⁹), whereas חַטָּאת starts from the less positive meaning of missing the mark (see phil. n. on 5²⁴). Yet even if a difference is intended here, it is a difference in the intensity rather than in the character of the sin: it is very doubtful, therefore, whether "sin" refers in particular to Job's earlier conduct, assumed by Elihu as by Eliphaz in c. 22, to have been evil, and rebellion to his speeches against God (Di.: cp. Dr.). Even more probably if 36^f. belong to the speech of the wise men of 31, if "answers" in 36^b is the correct text, and if 37^b should be omitted, 37^a would refer rather (like its parallel 37^c) to Job's persistent and increasingly violent blasphemous speeches.

37^b. The line is short and elliptical, and separates the two far more closely parallel lines ^a and ^c. It may be out of place. —*He slappeth his hands*] makes mocking gestures at God (cp. rather differently 27²³).

XXXV. ¹ And Elihu answered and said,

² This thinkest thou to be right,
(And) sayest (of it), "My righteousness before
God,"

³ That thou sayest, What advantage hast thou,
"Wherein am I better off than if I had sinned?"

XXXV. In this third part (cp. 33⁸ 34²) of Elihu's refutation much is awkwardly expressed; and the argument is none too clearly articulated. Elihu starts afresh (cp. 34⁹) with a summary of what he supposes Job to have maintained, viz. that righteousness does not pay (^{2f.}), and argues (⁵⁻⁷) that God is too exalted to derive any benefit from Job's (or, implicitly, from any man's) righteousness, even if this were a reality. It is perhaps implied, though certainly not explicitly stated or even clearly indicated, that God accordingly is not, like human judges, deflected from the even course of justice by the receipt of bribes: consequently He does reward the righteous: and therefore righteousness pays. It is, then, only men who benefit by or suffer from the righteousness or wickedness of their fellow-men (⁸); but men do so benefit or suffer, and so there are both wicked oppressors and victims of oppression (⁹); these victims often cry to God for redress, and often, it is true, they are not heard (¹²). This, however, is not because God is unjust, but because these very victims are not really religious (^{10f. 13}); and Job (though not the victim of oppression) is pre-eminently one of those who have not appealed to God in a truly religious spirit (¹⁴⁻¹⁶).

2f. Do you really think that you are placed in the right before God by your repeated (תאמר, freq.) assertions that man gets no advantage from being righteous?—*This*] viz. "that thou sayest," etc. (³). On different views of the construction and translation of ^{2b}, see phil. n.

3. Cp. 34⁹ with n. In ^a (hast) *thou* (= Job) is indirect narration; in ^b *I* (= Job) is direct; see phil. n. Richter takes the whole to be direct narration, so that thou in ^a = God, and Job's saying consists of two questions: What advantage does God get? (cp. 22²). What advantage do I get? But this would probably have required more emphatic expression of the

- ⁴ *I will answer thee,
And thy friends with thee.*
- ⁵ *Look to the heavens, and see ;
And behold the skies—they are higher than thou.*
- ⁶ *If thou hast sinned, what achievest thou against him ?
And if thy transgressions be many, what doest thou unto
him ?*
- ⁷ *If thou be righteous, what givest thou to him ?
Or what from thy hand doth he receive ?*
- ⁸ *A man like thyself thy wickedness (affects),
And a son of man thy wickedness !*
- ⁹ *By reason of the multitude of oppressions men cry out ;
They call for help by reason of the arm of the 'mighty' ;*

pronouns than is found in *U*. Richter's view of the chapter is that Elihu is *refuting* the doctrine that religion is to be judged from the standpoint of utility; but though it is true that ^{6,7} deny that man's religion is useful to *God*, on the other hand ⁹⁻¹⁶ are anything but a denial of the utility of religion to *man*: the argument there is not that man gets no advantage from being religious, but that victims of oppression fail to get the help they cry for because they are not really religious; in other words, Elihu is attempting to harmonize certain obstinate facts with the eudæmonistic view of religion which he shares with the friends (cp. especially Eliphaz in c. 22), and with the Satan of the prologue; but which the author of the prologue repudiates, and from which in the dialogue he depicts Job emancipating himself.

4. *Thy friends*] the three friends (*Œ Bu. Di. Du.*) must be intended, not the wicked men of 34^{s. 36} (*Del. Da.*) who would scarcely have been referred to by the term elsewhere used for the three friends (2¹¹ 19²¹ and ? 32³).

5-7. Elihu proceeds to "answer" Job and his friends by an appeal to the transcendence of God which places Him beyond receiving either hurt or help from man—a point already urged by Eliphaz (22^{2f.}) and admitted by Job (7²⁰)!

5. God in heaven is beyond the reach of man: cp. 11⁷⁻⁹ (*Sophar*) 22¹² (*Eliphaz*).

6f. In substance a repetition of 22^{2f.} (*Eliphaz*): cp. 7²⁰ (*Job*).

8, 9. See the introductory n. to this chapter.

- ¹⁰ And none had said, "Where is God my Maker,
Who giveth songs in the night :
¹¹ Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
And maketh us wiser than the birds of the heaven."
¹² There they cry out—but he answereth not—
Because of the pride of the wicked.

9. *Oppressions*] or, *oppressors*; see phil. n.—*Call for help*] cp. 24¹².—*Arm*] fig. for might: cp. 22^{8, 9} n.

10, 11. The kind of confession which truly religious men, whether actually under oppression or not, ought to make, but which none of these victims (⁹) of the violence of their fellow-men actually had made. Du. places ¹⁶ before ¹⁰, rendering ^{10a}, And he (*i.e.* Job) said not. Possibly Elihu is actually citing some psalm; with ^{10b} cp. Ps. 42^{9(s)}.—*And none had said, Where is*] all these victims had neglected to seek God: cp. in Jer. 2⁸; the parallel clauses "said not, Where is Yahweh . . . knew me not . . . rebelled against me."—*My Maker*] cp. Ps. 95⁶. As addressed to Job, the terms of the question are ill chosen; Job was not unmindful that God was his Maker; but the fact that He was such, so far from easing rather complicated the riddle of his sufferings (10^{8ff.}).—*Songs in the night*] the night is fig. for times of suffering and sorrow (cp. Is. 21¹¹, Ps. 30⁶); in the very midst of distress, before the morning comes when His help would be more expected (cp. Ps. 46⁶ 90¹⁴ 143²), God suddenly intervenes and by His deliverances gives occasion for songs (Ps. 77⁷⁽⁶⁾, Is. 24¹⁶, Ps. 95²).

11. *More than*] he teaches the beasts: not *from*, *by means of*, for the requirements of the present context are quite different from 12⁷.

12. The v. is now most commonly (Ew. Di. Da. Del. Dr. Bu. Peake) taken as in the main resumptive of ⁹—the oppressed cry out because of their treatment by those who are here called the wicked; the fresh point, viz. that God does not answer these oppressed persons, is, on this view, introduced parenthetically, the reason for their receiving no answer being suggested, though not formally expressed, in ^{10, 11, 13}; they do not seek God or pray sincerely. This is certainly very awkward; and it is with a true instinct for what would be

¹³ Surely God doth not hear unreality,

Nor doth the Almighty behold it ;

¹⁴ How much less when thou sayest (that) thou beholdest him
not,

(That) the cause is before him, and thou waitest for him.

more natural than some (*e.g.* Hi.) have sought in ^{12b} the reason not for the cry, but for the cry remaining unheard: they are not answered because they are proud; on the other hand, to refer to the oppressed allusively as the wicked, when the oppressors have at least a better title to the term, is unnatural. For the *pride* of the wicked as the source of suffering to their fellow-men, cp. Ps. 10², Zeph. 2¹⁰.

13. *Unreality*] “mere empty complaining (⁹), not the voice of true religious trust (^{10f.}),” Dr.—*Behold*] favourably; cp. Hab. 1¹³.

14-16. The connection is very obscure and uncertain; and the transition from the address to Job in ¹⁴ to the reference to him in the 3rd pers. in ¹⁶ is strange. This may be due to the loss or misplacement of entire lines or distichs. Taken by itself ¹⁶ is easy and straightforward, and the lines of ¹⁴ taken separately would present no great difficulty, but within ¹⁵ some mutilation of the text has occurred. Di. suspects the loss of two lines between ^{15a} and ^b: Du. places ¹⁶ between ⁸ and ¹⁰, and takes ¹⁵ with 36². Nichols places ^{15f.} immediately after 34²⁷ and immediately before 34³⁴. V.¹⁵ (in **11** or as emended above) is neither satisfactorily taken as complete in itself, nor as completed by ¹⁶. But the attempts to surmount these difficulties by further conjectural emendation or rearrangement are themselves too uncertain to be embodied in the above translation.

14. If God does not listen to those who call to Him without true religious feeling and resignation (¹³), much less will He listen to Job who assumes a positively irreligious and complaining attitude.—*Thou beholdest him not*] summarizing such sayings of Job as 13²⁴ 23^{8f.} 24^{1b} 30²⁰.—*That the cause*, etc.] ^b, unless emended, is most naturally taken (Di. RV.) as continuing, and parallel to, Job's words at the end of ^a: in this case the meaning is: Job's cause (cp. 13¹⁸ 23¹, but there מִשְׁפֶּט, here דִּין) lies unheeded before God, and Job waits in vain for God to give it attention. Less naturally the line has been taken as Elihu's

- ¹⁵ And now, because [†] his anger visiteth not [‡],
 And he careth not greatly about [†] transgression [‡].
¹⁶ And Job openeth his mouth (to utter) emptiness ;
 Without knowledge he multiplieth words.

reply to Job's objection in ^a: Nay, if thou sayest that thou beholdest Him not, (I say in reply) the cause is before Him, *i.e.* is receiving His attention, and thou shouldst wait patiently for His decision; so RVm. Del. Bu. Emending Perl. Du. (cp. Peake) render, Be still before Him, and wait for Him, where the sense would indicate that the words are Elihu's reply.

15. In this v. too, taken by itself, and as it stands in **H** or is emended above, it is most natural to take ^b as parallel to ^a. But there are two serious objections to so interpreting the v., if it states the cause of which ¹⁶ gives the effect: for (1) this would naturally imply that *Elihu* thought God inactive in the face of transgression, which he did not; and (2) it would give too secondary a reason for Job's speeches; he had, it is true, referred to the failure of God to punish the wicked (cc. 21, 24¹²), but it is the sufferings of the righteous that are the primary cause of debate. These objections are only partly met by the less natural interpretation of the v., which has been adopted in order to avoid connecting ¹⁵ and ¹⁶ as cause and effect: according to this, ¹⁵ means: *And now because* (hitherto) *his anger has not visited* (the evil-doers in circumstances such as those described in ^{9ff.}), (You say) *he careth not much about transgression*: and so righteousness profits a man no more than sin (^{2.3}); ¹⁶ is then an independent statement closing the speech. Both these methods of interpretation are so unsatisfactory, that the probability of textual disorder is great. Du. (who places ¹⁶ before ¹⁰ and omits 36¹), treating ¹⁵ as exclamatory, and as the starting-point of a new division of Elihu's speech in which he does actually reply to the position assigned (implicitly) to Job in ¹⁵ (see 36^{6, 9, 12-14}), interprets 35¹⁵ 36² thus: And now (as for your further assertion) that His anger punishes nothing, and that He troubleth Himself not much about iniquity, wait for me a little, and I will show thee. For another attempt to surmount the difficulties of the connection by conjecture, see phil. n.

16. Cp. 34³⁵.

XXXVI. ¹ And Elihu said further,

² Wait for me a little, and I will declare to thee ;
For ¹ I have yet words (to say) on behalf of
God.

³ I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

⁴ For of a truth my words are not false ;
He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

XXXVI. XXXVII. In this final section of his speech, Elihu, after briefly justifying his continuing to speak ²⁻⁴, maintains that God treats men severely or with favour according as they are righteous or unrighteous, ⁵⁻⁷, and more especially according to the temper in which they receive disciplinary suffering, ⁸⁻¹⁵; and Job, he points out, is viewing the fate of those who receive such suffering in the wrong temper, ¹⁶⁻²¹: he should rather (36²⁴ 37¹⁴) magnify God whose works are great, past finding out, or (37^{18ff.}) participating in; who is therefore teacher, not taught, nor open to condemnation (37^{22f.}), but humbly to be marvelled at and praised by men (36²¹-37²⁴).

2. *Wait a little*] while Elihu sets forth his further defence of God.—*I have*] **וְ** (*there are*), or, the entire line in **וְ** might (Fried. Del.), but should not, be rendered, *God has yet words (to say).*—*On behalf of God*] cp. 13⁷. ⁸ 42⁷ 21²².

3. In justifying God ^b, Job will speak comprehensively ^a.

4. Elihu's words for God (²) are not, as Job had pronounced (13^{7f.}) those of the friends to have been, false.—*He that is perfect in knowledge*] here Elihu: in 37¹⁶, God.—*Is with thee*] is conversing with thee.

5-7. Without actually citing Job as in 33⁹⁻¹¹ 34^{5f.} 35^{2f.}, Elihu briefly states as the theme of what follows (down to ²¹) that God is not, as Job had alleged, indiscriminate in His treatment of men; this theme is then developed in ⁸⁻²¹. In **וְ** (see on ⁵) two themes seem to be indicated: 1. God's might and wisdom; 2. His discriminating treatment of men: both these themes are treated subsequently, but in the reverse order (God's might, etc., from 36²² onwards).

- ⁵ Behold, God rejecteth not ¹ the perfect ¹,
^{6a} ¹ And ¹ keepeth not the ungodly alive.
^{7a} He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous,
^{6b} And he granteth the right of the wronged ;
^{7b} And with kings upon the throne,
 He caused them to dwell for ever, and they are exalted.

5. **U**, awkwardly and with questionable rhythm, Behold God is mighty (34¹⁷) and rejecteth (8²⁰) not (*i.e.* regards nothing and no one as too small to receive attention—Di.), Mighty in strength of heart, *i.e.* of intelligence (9⁴ 34³⁴ 7¹⁷ (n.)). The translation above follows **U** (cp. 8²⁰).—*Rejecteth not the perfect*] so **U**; Du., conjecturally, *rejecteth the hardened in heart*, *i.e.* the obstinately wicked who persistently refuses to obey God: cp. Ex. 7¹⁴ 9⁷. Between **U** and Du. (see phil. n.) the choice is difficult; it is in favour of Du.'s conjecture that it gives an entire distich to God's treatment of the wicked followed by a distich on His treatment of the righteous.

6a. Job had asked, "wherefore do the wicked live" (21⁷): the answer is that Job is wrong as to the fact: the wicked do not live: God does not suffer it.—*Keepeth not alive*] cuts short life judicially, as Ex. 22¹⁷; ct. Ps. 30⁴ 33¹⁹ 41³. As God keeps the righteous in life, not, of course, for ever, but to the full normal period of human life, so He cuts off the wicked long before that period is reached (14).

7 (with ^{6b}). While God rejects the wicked, bringing them to an untimely end ⁵. ^{6a}, he never fails to look after the righteous: even though they may be wronged and for a time brought low, He rights them and greatly exalts them.—*The wronged*] Heb. *ānī*, which "means properly *one humbled or bowed down*, especially by oppression, deprivation of rights, etc., but also, more generally, by misfortune . . . the *ānī*, while often, no doubt, a person in need, was primarily a person suffering some kind of social disability or distress"—Dr. in *DB* iv. 19.—**7 b. c.** Cp. 5¹¹ n.

8-14. The right and the wrong way of accepting disciplinary suffering.

8 **II**. The right way: men who are afflicted are to recognize that they have transgressed, to give up their sin and to serve

- 8 And if ¹ he have ¹ bound them in fetters,
 (And) they be caught in the cords of affliction,
 9 Then he declareth to them their work,
 And their transgressions, that they behave themselves
 proudly.
 10 And he uncovereth their ear to instruction,
 And commandeth that they return from naughtiness.
 11 If they hearken ¹ to his voice ¹, and serve,
 They complete their days in prosperity and their years in
 pleasure.
 12 But if they hearken not, ¹ they pass away,
 And they expire without knowledge.
 13 And they that are godless in heart cherish (?) anger ;
 They cry not for help when he hath bound them.
 14 Their soul dieth in youth,
 And their life among the temple-prostitutes.
 15 He rescueth the wronged by the wrong which he suffers,
 And uncovereth their ear by means of distress.

God: their reward is release from affliction, length of days and prosperity: cp. 33¹⁴⁻²⁸.

8. *If he have bound them*] cp. 13^b: *If (they are) bound.—Fetters . . . cords*] fig. (cp. Is. 28²²) of calamities and afflictions rather than literally, so that there would be an allusion to captives (12¹⁷⁻¹⁹) loaded with *fetters* (Ps. 149⁸, Nah. 3¹⁰: Is. 45¹⁴) and bound with *cords*.

9. *Declareth*] 33²³.—*Their work*] i.e. their evil work: cp. 33¹⁷.—*Behave proudly*] or mightily: 15²⁵ n.; Introd. § 41.

10. Cp. 33¹⁶. 11 f. Cp. Is. 1^{10f}. On the text see phil. n.

12-14. The wrong way of accepting suffering—angrily ^{13a} and sullenly ^{13b}.

13. *Godless*] 8¹³ n.; *the godless in heart* occurs here only.—*Anger*] against God: on the strangeness of the Hebrew expression, see phil. n.—*They cry not*] to God; cp. 30²⁰ 38⁴¹ where, however, the object is expressed.

14 b. They die the premature death (see phil. n.) of a temple-prostitute. If the text may be trusted, these male devotees to unchastity (*kēdēšim*: Dt. 23¹⁸; see Dr.'s n. there) must, worn out by their excesses, have died, as a rule, at an early age, so that they became proverbial as victims of an untimely death.—*Life*] parallel to *soul*: see 33¹⁸ phil. n.

15. God uses the suffering inflicted on men by their fellow-

¹⁶ But thou wast enticed away from (?) the mouth of confinement,

By amplitude without straitness,
And by what was set on thy table which was full of fatness.

¹⁷ And of judgment on the wicked thou art full;
Judgment and justice take hold (on thee).

men as a means of delivering and instructing sufferers who receive suffering in the right temper (cp. c. 35 with introductory n.). Possibly the v. consists of doublets of, or glosses on, 6b. 10a. Di. places it between ¹² and ¹³.—*The wronged*] ⁷ n.

16-21. In ⁶⁻¹⁵ Elihu has spoken in general terms of the righteous, the wicked, the wronged; he now deals specifically with Job. The text is scarcely intelligible; and details in the above translation are uncertain. Alternative translations of ¹⁶⁻¹⁹ by Di. and Du. will be found in the phil. nn. (p. 279 f.).

16. Job has not learned by what he suffered; on the other hand his ample and rich life had been his undoing: and (¹⁷) he now suffers the lot of the wicked. Others have understood the v. quite differently, viz. as applying the comfort of ¹⁵ to Job's case: then render: Moreover he (*i.e.* God) hath enticed thee . . . unto amplitude . . . and what is set on thy table is full, etc.; or with Bu. making one or two slight emendations: Thee, too, he (*i.e.* God) entices out of the jaws of adversity; Amplitude, not straitness, is under thee; And what is set on thy table is full of fatness.—*Confinement*] צר (narrowness, fig. for distress, as ⁷¹¹ 38²³; cp. the vb. in 18⁷ 20²²) is exactly antithetical (cp. Ps. 4²) to width, amplitude (רחב) in ^b. But the entire phrase *from the mouth of narrowness* (or, *of the adversary*—צר as 19¹¹ and often) is extraordinary and perhaps corrupt. It is highly artificial to interpret, as some have done, *mouth of confinement* as meaning the words or prayer addressed to God by a humble and patient sufferer.—*Amplitude*] lit. width; see last n., and cp. Ps. 18¹⁹ 31⁸ ("a wide place," as fig. of prosperity).—*Full of fatness*] loaded with rich fare; cp. Is. 25⁶.

17. *Judgment on the wicked*] is punishment: cp. the use of the vb. דן, *to judge*, in Gn. 15¹⁴: the v., then, if it has any

- ¹⁸ For (beware) lest wrath entice thee into mockery ;
 And let not the greatness of the ransom turn thee aside.
¹⁹ Will thy riches be equal (to it) without affliction,
 Or all the exertions of strength ?
²⁰ Long not after the night,
 That peoples may go up [†] from [†] their place.
²¹ Take heed, turn not to iniquity ;
 For thou hast chosen [†] unrighteousness [†] rather than
 affliction.

meaning, should mean Job is now suffering to the full the penalty assigned by God to wickedness. Others give the phrase the unparalleled meaning, the judgment passed by the wicked on God, and take the v. to be hypothetical: if you wickedly criticize God, God's justice will seize you.

18. Extremely uncertain; but apparently the meaning is: let not your anger at God's dealing with you lead you into irreverence; nor the severity of your sufferings, which form the ransom, or price (33²⁴), which God will accept in lieu of your life, deflect you, from the resignation with which suffering should be received, into rebellion against God. Unsatisfactory are such alternatives as: Because (there is such a thing as the) wrath (of God, beware) lest thou be enticed by (thy) sufficiency (cp. RV.); or, If (thou hast) wrath, let it not entice thee (Hi.).—*Mockery*] lit. *smiting* (of the hands in mockery): cp. 27²³; for the renderings *chastisement*, *sufficiency*, see phil. n.

19. Also very uncertain: see phil. n.—*Affliction*] צַר, as ¹⁶.

20. Perhaps the most unintelligible of all these verses. Dr. explains: "challenge not the divine judgement ('night' being named as a time of disaster, 34^{20. 24}), which may prove to be of a kind in which whole peoples perish. Job has often desired to meet God in judgement (*e.g.* 13²² 23³⁻⁷)."

21b. Or, For on this account hast thou been tried through affliction: see phil. n.—*Unrighteousness*] וְעַל זֶה, which, referring to iniquity in ^a, would express practically the same sense.

22-25. Let Job (²⁴) join in the praise, which as human experience has shown, is called forth from men (^{24b}) by their sight, distant and incomplete (^{25b}), yet admiring (^{25a}), of the

- 22 Behold, God doeth loftily in his strength ;
 Who is a teacher like unto him ?
- 23 Who (ever) assigned to him his way ?
 And who (ever) said, "Thou hast wrought unrighteous-
 ness" ?
- 24 Remember that thou extol his work,
 Whereof men sing.
- 25 All mankind look on it,
 Man seeth it from afar.
- 26 Behold, God is great, and we know not (how great) ;
 The number of his years is unsearchable.

mighty (^{22a}) work of God, who takes His orders from (^{23a}), and gives account to (^{23b}), none.

22. *Doeth loftily*] (הִשְׁתַּבַּח) far beyond (cp. ^{25b}) man's comprehension ; cp. Ps. 139⁶ "the knowledge (of God's ways) is too wonderful for me: it is lofty (נִשְׁבָּחָה)." — *A teacher*] the term of God, as (probably) Is. 30²⁰: the idea is common in the speeches of Elihu (^{9f.} 35¹¹ 33^{14ff.} 34³²). But the idea that God teaches "through the operations of His providence" (Dr.) is not quite naturally introduced into the present passage ; and Ἐδυνάστης, *lord, ruler*, gives a far better parallel to ^a and transition to ²³.

23. Who ever, as His superior, laid down for God His line of action beforehand, or subsequently charged Him (as God was thought to charge the "gods" (Pss. 58. 82)) with having done His work badly ? In view of 34¹³, the alternative rendering of ^a (who ever visited upon Him, *i.e.* punished Him for, His way) is less probable. With ^a, cp. 21³¹ ; with ^b, 9¹². — *His way*] 21³¹.

24. *Sing*] cp. Ps. 104³³ in reference, as here (cp. ^{27ff.}), to the works of God in nature : of God's forgiveness, c. 33²⁷.

25. *Look on it*] with delight: cp. 33²⁸ n.—b. Men catch only a far-off and therefore incomplete view of God's work (cp. 26¹⁴).

26b. Cp. Ps 102²⁸: the line is not related to what follows here, and is awkwardly followed by *for* in ²⁷. Du. om. ²⁶, Bu. ^{25f.} ; but possibly ^{26b} at most is out of place, or corrupt.

27 ff. The illustrations of God's greatness and might (²²⁻²⁵ (^{26a})) are drawn from atmospheric phenomena: rain, 36^{27f.} 37^{6b} ; snow, 37^{6a} ; ice, 37¹⁰ ; thunder and lightning, 36^{29. 33} 37^{2-4. 11f.} ; light, 36^{30f.} 37^{21f.} ; winds, 37^{9. 21b} ; clouds, 37¹⁶ (see also

²⁷ For he withdraweth 'drops from the sea';

'He' filtereth 'them' through as rain 'from' his mist;

under thunder); the sky, 37¹⁸. With these illustrations are mingled a reiteration of the general theme, 37⁵; reflections on the beneficent purpose of these works of God, 36³¹ (cp. ^{28b}); or their effect on the activities of men and beasts, 37^{7f. 13}, or of Job in particular, 37¹⁷; an exhortation to Job, 37¹⁴; and a statement of the effect of the thunderstorm in particular on the emotions of Elihu, 37¹. The illustrations in this last part of Elihu's speech largely anticipate the first part of the immediately following speech of Yahweh, and some of them in a manner very unfavourable to unity of authorship. On the other hand, Bu. finds a strong argument for such unity by assuming that the thunderstorm described by Elihu is dramatically conceived as approaching as he concludes his speech (cp. 37¹), and as raging when Yahweh speaks, 38¹. The point would have more force if the description of the thunderstorm formed the climax to Elihu's speech; as it is, it is mingled with the description of other phenomena, such as ice, which were presumably not to be observed at the moment of speaking. The passing backwards and forwards from one phenomenon to another, and the interspersions of reflections, etc., are only partly removed by omitting 36^{29f. 37^{13. 15f.}} (Bu.), or 37^{7f. 12b} (Sgf.), or 36^{26. 27b. 28a 29-32} 37^{2-4. 6b. 11. 12a. b. 13} (Nichols, who regards the vv. as "a psalm of the Rainstorm," and $\mathfrak{C}$ which, however, also omits much more). Honth. rearranges as follows: 36^{27f. 31. 26} 37^{5b-10. 1-5a} 36^{29f. 32f.} 37¹¹⁻²⁴.

27f. The production of rain.—"The author knows that clouds are formed by evaporation from the sea; the author of the divine speeches (38 ff.) is still ignorant of this, and assumes that God has somewhere store-houses for the atmospheric elements. . . . The author of the Elihu speeches must have lived a few centuries later than the poet, and had, probably through some Greek influence, acquired some new knowledge of physics" (Du.).

27a. $\mathfrak{U}$ *for he withdraweth the drops of rain*; this is obscurely expressed; it may have meant the same as the

- ²⁸ Wherewith the skies pour down,
 (And) drop upon many men.
²⁹ ^r And who ^r understands the outspreadings of the clouds,
 The crashings of his pavilion?
³⁰ Behold, he spreadeth his ^r mist ^r about him,
 And he covereth (with it) the ^r tops ^r of the ^r mountains ^r.
³¹ For by means of these he ^r nourisheth ^r peoples;
 He giveth food in abundance.
³² He covereth both hands with the light,
 And commandeth it against the ^r mark ^r.

emended text translated above; others render *¶ he draweth down*, viz. from the "waters above the firmament" (Del. Du.); or questionably, *he gathers, collects*, viz. from the atmosphere (Bu.).—b. See phil. n.—*Mist*] or *cloud*, seems to be the meaning of the obscure word 'ēd here and in ³⁰; in any case *flood* (so Assyr. 'edu), preferred by many in Gn. 2^{6t}. (see Skinner, *ad loc.*), is unsuitable here.

28. *Many men*] or perhaps, *in showers on men*: see phil. n.

29. The v., if the text may be trusted, refers to the clouds of (^b) the thunderstorm.—*And who understands*] *¶ Yea, can one understand.*—*His pavilion*] i.e. the thunder-cloud: see phil. n.

30. The clouds, and in particular, perhaps, as most take it, the thunder-clouds (though for these "mist" (cp. ²⁷) is not perhaps the most suitable term), screen God, and also, settling on the mountain tops, blot them out from sight; cp. Ex. 19¹⁶.—*Mist*] *¶ light*: see phil. n.—(*With it*) *the tops of the mountains*] *¶ the roots of the sea*: see phil. n.

31. The beneficent effect of God's activity in producing rain (cp. Is. 55¹⁰) would be more naturally described immediately after ²⁸ (Bu. Honth. Peake).—*Nourisheth*] *¶ judgeth*, ^a in this case referring to the destructive thunderstorm of ^{29t}, ^b to the fertilizing rain of ^{27t}. But the structure of the verse does not suggest an antithesis.—*By means of these*] if ³¹ immediately followed ²⁸ the streaming skies of that v. are referred to: if not, *these* must be explained more generally of (Dr.) "the agencies of rain and storm alluded to in ²⁷⁻³⁰."

32. The v., strangely expressed, appears to mean that God fills His hands from the volume of light that encompasses Him (see phil. n. on ³⁰), and despatches the light so seized earth-

- 33 ¹ The thunder ¹ declareth ¹ his indignation ¹,
¹ And ¹ the storm ¹ proclaimeth his ¹ anger.
- XXXVII. ¹ Yea, at this my heart trembleth,
 And leapeth out of its place.
- ² Hearken unto the rumbling of his voice,
 And to the muttering that goeth out of his
 mouth.
- ³ He letteth it go under the whole heaven,
 And his light(ning) to the ends of the earth.
- ⁴ After it a voice roareth;
 He thundereth with his majestic voice;
 And he delayeth not ¹ his lightnings ¹,
¹ From his mouth ¹ his voice is heard.

wards in the form of lightning. "But as though the poet had shrunk from carrying this half-mythical conception of God as the lightning-slinger further, he does not say "in order to sling it," but more in the spirit of his religion *and commandeth it against*" (Di.): on the other hand, Du. by emendation makes the figure still clearer: On the sling he balanceth the light, And slingeth it against the mark.

33. The above translation is very conjectural, but at least more probable than **U**, *his shouting* (or, more questionably rendered, *his war-cry*, or, as taken by 'ΑΣ ΣΤΥ', *his friend*) *declareth concerning him, the cattle also concerning him who, or that which, cometh up*: see phil. n.

XXXVII. 1, 2. An expression of Elihu's emotion at the thunderstorm (¹), and (²) an appeal to Job (and the friends—^{2a} **U**, not **Θ**) to listen to it. Originally (cp. **Θ**), perhaps both vv. were addressed to Job alone, and read: At this do not thy inward parts (**Θ** 36²⁵ = **U** 37¹) tremble, And doth not thy (**Θ**) heart leap out of its place? Hearken thou unto, etc.

2. *His voice*] the thunder; see Ps. 18¹⁴ (13) "uttereth his voice" || "thundereth," 29³⁻⁹, 1 S. 7¹⁰, Ex. 9²⁸ "voices of God."

3. The roll of the thunder fills, and the blaze of the lightning lights up, the whole expanse of sky and earth—poetical hyperbole, which scarcely *proves* that the writer shared the popular (ct. perhaps 36^{27f.}) conception of the smallness of the earth (Du.).—*The ends*] lit. wings or skirts: cp. 38¹³, Is. 11¹² 24¹⁶.

4. *His lightnings, from his mouth*] **U** *them* (i.e. the lightnings)

- ⁵ ^a He doeth wondrous things [past finding out],
Great things which we cannot comprehend;
⁶ For he commandeth the snow, “¹ Saturate ¹ the earth”;
The downpour ¹ and ¹ the rain, ¹ Drop down ¹.
⁷ He sealeth up the hand of every man,
That all ¹ men ¹ may know his work.
⁸ Then the beasts go into lairs,
And rest in their dens.

when; an alternative emendation giving a better parallel is: He restraineth not *his throat* (cp. Is. 58¹), From his mouth, etc.: see phil. n.

5. At the beginning of the v. in **℣** stands, increasing the tautology of ⁴, the line, *God thunders with his voice*, a virtual repetition of ^{4b}. The remainder of the v. (cp. 5⁹), translated as above, resumes (after the completion for the present of the description of the thunder in ⁴) the general statement of God's marvellous action (cp. 36²⁶), in order to illustrate this afresh from the phenomena of snow (⁶ introduced by *for*, as in 36²⁷ after 36²⁶).

6-8. The snow and heavy rains of winter, which do their work at God's bidding, fertilizing the earth, and (⁷) stopping for the time man's labour in the fields, and (⁸) driving the beasts to shelter, are illustrations and proof of (⁵) God's marvellous activity.

6. *Saturate*] cp. Ps. 65¹¹ and (with snow) Is. 55¹⁰. **℣** means, if anything, *Fall* (to the earth).—*The downpour*] not “shower” (RV.): for נשם is the heavy continuous rain of winter (Ca. 2¹¹, Am. 4⁷, Ezr. 10⁹); in virtue of its fertilizing function (Lv. 26⁴, 1 K. 17¹⁴, Is. 44¹⁴ 55¹⁰) it was primarily regarded as a blessing (cp. Hos. 6³), though it might also be an agent of destruction (Gn. 7¹², Ezk. 13¹¹).—^b is overloaded in **℣**: see phil. n.; as otherwise emended the line would read, And the downpour of His mighty rains, which gives a poorer parallelism, or, And the downpour and the rain, “Be strong.”

7. In winter man's hand must cease from (outdoor) work; or (emending, He sealeth up every man) men must stop at home. Hrz. Di. cite Homer's (*Il.* xvii. 549 f.) description of Zeus: ὃς ῥά τε ἔργων ἀνθρώπων ἀνέπαυσεν ἐπὶ χθονί. **℣** in ^b may be rendered either, that he may know all the men whom he

- ⁹ Out of the chamber cometh the whirlwind,
 And out of the ^r store-houses ^l(?) the cold.
¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given,
 And the breadth of the waters is narrowed.
¹¹ Yea, he ladeth the thick cloud with ^r lightning ^l,
 (And) the cloud scattereth its light ;
¹² And it [goeth hither and thither] round about,
 Turning itself by his guidance,
 To do whatsoever he commandeth them,
 Upon the face of his habitable world,

hath made, or, that all the men whom he hath made may know (it); neither is satisfactory; see phil. n.

9-10. The cold of winter and its freezing of water: cp. 38^{29f.}. It is more probable that ⁹ refers to the store-houses where wind, cold, etc., were thought to be kept in readiness for God's use (cp. 38²², Ps. 135⁷, Eccus. 43¹⁴) than to the regions from which, or the seasons, defined by the rising of stars and constellations, at which storm and cold come; but there are peculiarities and uncertainties in the text; see phil. n.—*Chamber*] synonymous with "treasury" (38²²) rather than (RV.) an abbreviation for "chamber of the south" (9⁹ n.), or (Hoffm.) the name of a constellation.—*Whirlwind*] cp. 21¹⁸, Is. 21¹.—*Store-houses*] *scatterers, winnowers*, which has been taken as an epithet for (north) winds, or for a constellation (*Arcturus*).

10. The cold wind freezes the streams and pools (Eccus. 43²⁰), which, shrinking, as they freeze, from the edges, become narrower. But, the contraction of water through frost is a much less conspicuous phenomenon than its solidifying (cp. 38³⁰ and Eccus. 43²⁰): and so, some (Bu.) take ^b to mean: the whole broad expanse of waters is constrained, *i.e.* congealed, frozen. Ehrlich emending in ^a (*melts for is given*), and rendering *becomes fluid* (instead of *is narrowed*) in ^b, refers the v. to the melting of the ice by the *warm* breath of God: cp. Ps. 147¹⁸.—*The breath of God*] the wind: so Is. 40⁷.

11. Description of the thunder-cloud and lightning resumed (cp. 36²⁹⁻³⁷).—*Lightning*] or, by an equally slight emendation, *hail* (cp. hail and thunder and lightning in Egypt, Ex. 9^{23, 34}); *saturation, i.e.* moisture; but see phil. n.—**b.** On the incorrect translation of RVm. see phil. n.

- ¹³ Whether it be for a rod † and † for † a curse †,
 Or for mercy, that he causeth it to find (its mark).
¹⁴ Hear this, O Job, (and) stand still;
 And consider the wonderful works of God.
¹⁵ Knowest thou about God's ordaining † his works †,
 And causing the light of his cloud to shine?

12. The lightning, which flashes in jagged lines, does not, as it might seem, move first this way, then that, at random, but always under the guidance of God (cp. 38³⁵), to fulfil His purposes of (¹³) punishing or blessing men.—*It*] The light(ning) (Bu. Dr. Peake), not the cloud (Di. Del. Da.) of ¹¹.—*Goeth hither and thither*] see phil. n.: cp. the same vb. of God's "arrows" (i.e. lightnings) in Ps. 77¹⁸.—*Turning itself*] the vb. used in Gn. 3²⁴.—*Them*] i.e. the flashes of lightning; or, emending, *it*, i.e. the lightning.

13. *Rod*] 21⁹.—*And for a curse*] **U** has been rendered (1) *or for his earth*, which between "for a rod" and "for mercy" (clauses of identical form) is altogether heterogeneous and impossible; or (2) *if (that be) for (the good of) his earth*, which is scarcely more probable. Emendation is necessary: with the translation above (Du.), cp. En. 59¹: They lighten for a blessing and for a curse as the Lord of Spirits willeth. An alternative emendation (Dr. al.) is to omit *or*, leaving *a rod for his earth*.—*Or for mercy*] "viz. for the deliverance of His people from their foes (Ps. 18¹⁴, Is. 30^{30, 31})"—Dr.; but a national allusion is not altogether probable. Certainly thunder and lightning are not generally mentioned as agents of mercy (yet cp. En. 59¹); Bu. therefore (since it would be awkward to refer back to the cloud of ¹¹) omits the v. Since with ¹⁴ Elihu takes a fresh start, this v. might perhaps be regarded as a conclusion, not merely to ^{11f}, but to the whole section beginning with ⁵: God does wonderful things ⁵, as illustrated in ⁶⁻¹², whether ¹³ to punish or to bless.

15-18. Questions after the manner of, and in some degree anticipating, the speech of Yahweh (c. 38f.), and intended to imply that Job has not knowledge of, and cannot (¹⁸) perform, the works of God.

15. *Knowest thou*] cp. 38³³ 39^{1f}.—*Ordaining his works*] **U** *laying (his charge) upon them*, i.e. the natural agencies just

- ¹⁶ Knowest thou the balancings of the clouds,
 The wonders of him that is perfect in knowledge?
¹⁷ Thou whose garments are warm,
 When the earth is still by reason of the south wind,
¹⁸ Wilt thou with him beat out the skies (into a firmament),
 (Which are) strong as a molten mirror?
¹⁹ Make ¹me¹ to know what we (men) shall say to him;
 We cannot state our case by reason of darkness.
²⁰ Should it be told him that I would speak?
 Or did ever man say that he would be swallowed up?

described. Parallel to the general reference to God's works in ^a is the special reference to the marvel of the lightning in ^b; in ¹⁶ the special marvel of the (rain-laden) clouds poised in the air in ^a is followed by the general reference in ^b. So at least in the present text; but ^{15a} is clumsy, and ^{16b} rather uncertain: see phil. n.

17. Every time a sirocco is coming, in the stillness that precedes it, Job suffers from the suffocating heat; if he is thus a helpless victim of forces that God controls, can he really (¹⁸) perform mighty works like God?—*South wind*] elsewhere in the OT. the sirocco, which blows up from the deserts E. and S.E. of Palestine, is termed the east wind; but cp. Lk. 12⁵⁵.

18. G omits this v.: Bi. Du. place it before ²¹; Ehrlich, before 38⁴.—Can Job, like (40¹⁵ n.) God (Gn. 1⁶), create the firmament? Can he beat out that vast solid metal-like (^b; cp. Dt. 28²³) fixed expanse of sky? The firmament was a solid surface supporting above it waters, which could only come through when the "windows" of this firmament, generally closed, were opened (Gn. 1⁷ 7¹¹).—*Skies*] cp. (|| to "heavens") 35⁵, Pr. 8²⁸, Ps. 36⁶ 57¹¹. But the word may also refer more particularly to the clouds (cp. 38³⁷ (|| "water-skins of heaven"), Ps. 77¹⁸ (|| "clouds")) in which sense Bu. understands the term here. But ^b (of which Bu. takes no account) is very unfavourable to this.—*Molten mirror*] the ordinary mirror was a polished metal (Ex. 38⁸) surface.

19. *Me*] most MSS of ~~h~~, *us*; i.e. Elihu and those like-minded with him (cp. 34²).—*Darkness*] ignorance: cp. Eccl. 2^{13f}.

20. For ignorant (^{19b}) man to utter to God a case against Him would be equivalent to seeking his own destruction—an unheard of thing (^{20b}), which Elihu has no desire to attempt (^{20a}),

²¹ And now men saw not the light,
 It was obscure (?) in the skies;
 But a wind passed and cleansed them.

unless, indeed, Job, who has often expressed a wish to speak to God, could, in reply to Elihu's ironical request (^{19a}), tell him what words he might safely plead. Such, if ¹⁹ is correct, appears to be the meaning and connection. Du. cleverly emends: Hath He (God) a reprover when He speaks, or doth a man say that He (God) is perplexed? But see phil. n.—*Swallowed up*] destroyed, by God; cp. ²³ n.

21-24. The conclusion of Elihu's speech is exceedingly obscure and ambiguous, in spite of the fact that, with the exception of one word (בהיר, meaning perhaps *obscure*, perhaps *bright* (see phil. n.), in ^{21b}), the vocabulary is unusually familiar. The tristich in ²¹, and the rhythm in ²³, suggest that the obscurity may be partly due to the loss or misplacement of lines or clauses. The point of the whole is expressed in ²⁴, which probably means: men in general fear God ^a, let Job do the same (implied) ^b. In what precedes ²⁴, it is possible to suspect, though not to discern with any certainty, allusions to certain remarkable observations or theories of natural phenomena.

21. The opening phrase *And now* is ambiguous, and has been understood temporally of the present in contrast whether to the past or the future, or (as in ³⁵¹⁵) consequentially, as drawing a conclusion from what has been just said. Among the translations and interpretations which have been proposed, there may be noticed: "(1) ^a And now men cannot look upon (ראה in this sense without כ as Pr. ²³³¹) the light (= the sun, as ³¹²⁶), ^b (When) it is bright in the skies, ^c And the wind hath passed and cleansed them": so Ros. Ew. Da. RVm. and (at least in preference to RV.) Dr. Peake; but on this view of ^a, ^c is obviously otiose; the sun shining brightly in a clear sky is always too dazzling to look at, and not only just after a wind has cleared clouds away; moreover, in ^a "cannot" would be more naturally expressed by the impf.; it must here, if correct, be explained as a paraphrase of: "men, as we know from experience, do not"; and, further, "When it is" in ^b would be

²² Out of the north cometh 'splendour',
Upon God is terrible majesty.

more naturally expressed by a different order of words (הוֹאֵה בְּהִיר). The connection with ²² on this view is: If men cannot look on the sun, how much less on the majesty of God. (2) "And now men see not the light, (Though) it is bright in (*i.e.* behind) the clouds (on the alternative renderings "clouds" and "skies" see ¹⁸ n.), But a wind passeth over and cleanseth them" (and then men do see the sun): so $\mathfrak{H}$ (in ^a and ^c) Hi. Del. RV. (virtually). This is taken to be a figurative way of saying that God now hidden may at any moment reveal Himself. But the use of pf. tenses or the impf. with waw consec. throughout renders any translation involving such a sharp contrast between present and future most improbable. (3) Bu. emends and renders, And now we see not the light, While it is obscure owing to the clouds, But the wind passeth over, etc., and interprets the v. of the weather actually prevailing at the moment when Elihu is speaking; the sun is for the moment obscured by the thunder-cloud, but the cloud will pass, and (^{22a}) the sky clear up from the northwards. The use of the tenses in ^c is as unfavourable to this view as to the last. (4) Du. places ^{21b} (It is bright in the sky) after ^{22a}, with which it forms a quite possible distich; and ^{21a, c} after ¹⁸, taking ^{21a, c} precariously as conditional: And if (at any time) men see not the light (owing to clouds obscuring it), A wind passes over and cleanses it (?).

22. *The north*] is not here introduced as the quarter from which the ancients obtained their gold (for see phil. n.), or as the quarter in which the sky cleared up (^{21c}) after rain, for according to Pr. 25²³ the N. was the proverbially rainy quarter; but more probably (Dr.) "the allusion may be to the Aurora Borealis, the streaming rays of which, mysteriously blazing forth in the northern heavens, may well have been supposed to be an effulgence from the presence of God Himself" (cp. ^b); from the N. came the chariot of Ezekiel's vision (Ezk. 1⁴): in the N. was the seat of the Most High (Is. 14¹³).—*Splendour*] $\mathfrak{H}$ gold; see phil. n.

- ²³ The Almighty—we have not found him out :
 Great in strength and judgment,
 And abounding in righteousness, he doth not 'pervert'.
- ²⁴ Therefore men fear him ;
 He seeth not any that are wise of heart.

23. God is incomprehensible, yet we know enough to assert that He is righteous : this seems to be the meaning, though it is loosely expressed.—*We have not found him out*] discovered Him, fathomed the wisdom that rules His action ; cp. 11⁷, where, however, as also in Eccl. 3¹¹, the obj. is not personal ; and in 23³ (Job's wish that he might find God) where the obj. is personal as here, but the sense rather different.—b. c. *U* may be rendered as above ; *ff*, much less probable, means He is great in strength, and He doeth no violence to (lit. afflicteth not) judgement and abundance of righteousness ; see phil. n.—*Pervert*] sc. justice (cp. 8³ 34¹²), or *subvert*, sc. a man in his cause (cp. 19⁶). *U* may mean either *afflict* (so *ff*), or *answer*, viz. man's questions (but see 38¹ and even 33^{14ff.}).

24. This v. also is awkwardly expressed : but ^a is clear, and the meaning and implication of the whole apparently is : ordinary men fear God ; so should you ; for to the wise in their own conceit (qui sibi videntur esse sapientes : *U*), God pays no regard (cp. 5¹³).—*Seeth*] regards, pays heed to : cp. Ps. 138⁶ and (with a different vb.) 35¹³.

XXXVIII.—XL. 2. Yahweh's speech in reply to Job, now separated from Job's appeal at the end of c. 31 by the interpolated cc. 32–37 : see Introd. Yahweh now responds to Job's frequently expressed and (31³⁵) just reiterated wish that He would answer him ; but not, as he had asked (31^{35–37} and previously 13²³), by formulating charges which were, as soon as formulated, to be shown to be baseless, but, as he had feared (9³. 14ff. 13^{20–25}), overwhelming him with questions which he cannot answer ; and yet, if not altogether as he had hoped, by no means altogether as he had feared ; for Yahweh's questions are not directed, as Job had feared (9^{16–20}. 28–35), towards impugning Job's integrity, or fastening on him the guilt of sins punishable by such sufferings as his had been ; but towards showing Job that in maintaining his own he had in his ignorance im-

pugned God's integrity. The current theory of sin and suffering had led the friends through ignorance to condemn Job, and Job through ignorance to obscure the wider purposes of God and to misrepresent Him. Job had been right in maintaining his integrity and that his sufferings were not due to his sins, as Yahweh subsequently (42⁷) makes clear: he had been wrong in passing beyond this matter of personal knowledge, and in reproving God whose range of purpose and action lay so far beyond his knowledge. The main point of the speech that Job in his ignorance had misrepresented God is briefly put in the challenging questions with which the speech opens (38²) and closes (40²). The main body of the speech (38⁴–39³⁰), also consisting for the most part of questions, is designed to bring out the immensity of Job's ignorance and the greatness of God's knowledge and His beneficent use of it. These questions fall into two main groups, referring (1) to the inanimate world, its creation and maintenance, 38⁴–38⁵; and (2) to animals, and in particular wild animals, their maintenance and habits, 38³⁰–39³⁰. The first group of questions refers in detail to the creation of earth (4^{–7}), and sea (8^{–11}); the succession of night and day (12^{–15}); the extent of the sea (16), of the realm of death (17), and of the earth (18); the home of light and darkness (19^{f.}), snow and hail (22), wind (24); the descent of rain and lightning to the earth (25^{–27}); the origin of rain, dew and ice (28^{–30}); the stars (31^{–33}); clouds and lightning (34^{f.}), clouds and rain (37^{f.}). The animals which form the subjects of questions are lions 39^{f.}, (ravens 41 n.), wild goats 39^{1–4}, wild asses 5^{–8}, wild oxen 9^{–12}, ostriches 12^{–18}, horses 19^{–25}, hawks and vultures 26^{–30}—one domesticated (the horse), the rest wild. Some of these passages (39^{13–18}, 19^{–25}) have been suspected of being interpolations, but for reasons that are inconclusive: see on 39^{13–18}.

I. *Yahweh*] as 40¹. §. 6 42¹ and throughout the Prologue and Epilogue; (see Introd. § 19).—*Job*] is mentioned by name, although he was the last speaker (cc. 32–37 being an interpolation) and had but just finished speaking, in accordance with the writer's manner; cp. 1^{7f.}, And the Satan answered Yahweh . . . and Yahweh answered the Satan: and so 1⁹. 12 2⁴. 6.—*The tempest*] (סערה) which was considered to be the normal

XXXVIII. ¹ And Yahweh answered Job out of the tempest, and said,

² Who is this that darkeneth the purpose (of God),
With words (spoken) without knowledge?

³ Gird up thy loins now like a mighty man ;
And I will ask thee, and declare thou unto me.

accompaniment of a theophany: cp. Ps. 18, Hab. 3, Ps. 50³, And fire goeth before Him, and round about it is very tempestuous (נִשְׁעָרָה), Nah. 1³, Ezk. 1⁴, Zec. 9¹⁴ (all סַעֲרָה), Ps. 83¹⁶ (סַעַר). Out of this tempest there now comes the voice of God (cp. Ezk. 1⁴.²⁸, ct. 1 K. 19^{11f.}) challenging and questioning, but not, as Job had feared, crushing him (9¹⁷). On Bu.'s view that the tempest is that described in 37^{2ff.} see on 36^{27ff.} 37²¹.

2. The question implies a double rebuke: (1) Job has spoken ignorantly, ^b; and (2) he has thereby obscured what should be plain, viz., that a divine purpose underlies the constitution and maintenance of the world, ^a. The questions that follow have a corresponding double aim: they suggest the repeated answer that God knows and Job does not, and that God achieves, as Job cannot, the end to which His knowledge is applied (cp. 42²).—*Darkeneth*] i.e. hides or conceals (cp. 42³); cp. Ps. 139¹². The darkness *darkens* not from Thee.—*The purpose*] in Hebrew undefined (*purpose*, or a *purpose*) and used with the widest reference to God's purpose or purposes in the world-order; for the meaning of the word (עֲצָה), though in several of the following passages it is cited of more special plans or purposes of God, cp. Ps. 33⁹, For He spake and it came to pass; He commanded, and it held good (lit. stood): Yahweh frustrateth the purpose of the nations, Annulleth what the peoples devise: The *purpose* of Yahweh holdeth good for ever, What His heart deviseth to all generations; Pr. 19²¹, Many devices are in a man's heart, But Yahweh's *purpose* is realized (תְּקוּם); Is. 19¹⁷, The *purpose* of Yahweh which He purposeth against it; 46¹⁰, What I purpose is realized (עֲצָתִי תְּקוּם), and what I wish I do; see also Is. 5¹⁹, Mic. 4¹², Jer. 49²⁰.

3. *Gird up*, etc.] prepare for action (12²¹ n.); into the coming conflict of argument with God, Job, like a warrior (פֶּן לִּכְמוֹת אִישׁ לִּכְמוֹת אִישׁ), must enter with loins girt (Is. 5²⁷).

⁴ Where wast thou when I founded the earth?

Declare, if thou hast understanding.

⁵ Who fixed the measures thereof, since thou knowest?

Or who stretched the line over it?

4-7. The creation of the earth.—The earth is represented as a vast building carefully constructed according to plan (⁵), and its foundation stones laid (⁶) to the jubilation of the onlookers (⁷); Job was not among these onlookers, and had no part in or first-hand knowledge of the ceremony (cp. 15^{7f.}), though he has spoken as if he had (^{5b. 6a}). For earth conceived as a building, cp., if Esharra is the earth (so Zimmern in *KAT*³ 496, 510, after Jensen), the Babylonian poem of Creation, iv. 143 ff. (Rogers, *CP* 32): And the Lord measured the construction (Zimmern: building; see Jensen's note in *KB* vi. 344) of the Deep, And he founded Esharra (*i.e.* the earth), a mansion like unto it, The mansion Esharra which he built like heaven.

4. If Job was present at Creation (^a) and if thereby ^b he acquired wisdom (cp. 15^{8b}), let him answer the questions that follow in ^{5ff.}—*Founded*] so commonly with the earth as obj.: see Is. 48¹³ 51^{13, 16}, Zec. 12¹, Ps. 24² 89¹² 102²⁶ 104⁵, Pr. 3¹⁹.—**b.** Cp. 18 42³.—*Hast understanding*] lit. *knewedst* (or *knowest*) *understanding*; the idiom as Is. 29²⁴, Pr. 4¹, 1 Ch. 12³³, 2 Ch. 2^{11, 12}; *understanding* is a synonym for wisdom, and often used in parallelism with it; see, *e.g.*, 28¹² 39¹⁷, Dt. 4⁶, Is. 29¹⁴.

5. The scale of this great house and its parts was determined beforehand, and marked off on the site which it was to occupy. Cp. for the measurements and the use of the measuring line preparatory to building, Ezk. 40³⁻⁴³¹⁷, Zec. 1¹⁶, My house shall be built in it (Jerusalem), and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem, *i.e.* both temple and city will be rebuilt; Jer. 31³⁹.—*Who*] or, *what is he who*: and so in ^b the question asks not what being (for this is already defined in ^{4a}), but what *manner* of being planned the world; the interrogative is used rather similarly in Am. 7², As who (RV, "how") shall Jacob stand; cp. also Ru. 3¹⁶.—*Since*] ironically (cp. 21) or *if* (cp. Pr. 30⁴), or *that*: see phil. n.

- ⁶ Whereupon were the sockets thereof sunk,
 Or who laid the corner-stone thereof,
⁷ When the morning stars sang together,
 And all the sons of the gods shouted for joy?

6a. On what were the sockets (Ex. 26¹⁹, Ca. 5¹⁵) of the pillars that support the earth (9⁶ n.) made to rest? On nothing (26⁷ n.)? Is Job prepared to assert this marvel?

7. The ceremony of laying the foundations of the earth was an occasion for joyous music, as were the foundation ceremonies of earthly buildings (Ezr. 3^{16f.}). The singers were stars, here conceived as existing before the world (ct. Gn. 1¹⁶), and the sons of the gods (1⁶ n., cp. Ps. 29²). As the world's first morning broke, the stars still shining sang their song of praise; cp. Ps. 19² 148³ (after the mention of the angels and the host of God in v.²).—*Sang*] rang out their joy at the mighty work of God; so the same vb. (רָנַן), e.g., in Is. 12⁶ 24¹⁴, Zec. 2¹⁴, Is. 49¹³ (subject, the heavens) and in parallelism with the same vb. (הִרְיֵעַ) as here in Is. 44²³, Zeph. 3¹⁴.—*The morning stars*] to be explained as above, not with Hi. Del. on the analogy of the "Orions" of Is. 13¹⁰ of the morning star (Ecclus. 50⁶ &, not &f.) and others next to it in brightness.

8-II. *The origin of the sea*.—The sea is a being that was born (so ^{8b} at least; cp. Ps. 90² of the earth)—a monster needing to be held in restraint (^{10f.}) lest (such may be the thought) it should endanger (⁴⁻⁷) God's building, the earth. From whom or how this monster was born is not said; the womb from which it issued is left undefined; and thus its origin, unlike that of the earth, is not traced directly to God. Nevertheless its dependence (⁹) on God at and from birth, and God's supremacy over it (^{10f.}) from the beginning onwards, illustrate the power and wisdom and the uniqueness of God. The original independence of the sea and the stern conflict with it before it was subdued, which belong to the mythology lying behind these verses, are blurred by the fundamental monotheism of the writer, who for purposes of poetry does not, however, refrain from introducing traits that only receive their full explanation from polytheistic thought: see on 7¹² 9¹³ 26¹².

- ⁸ [Or where wast thou] ' when¹ the sea ' was born,¹
 When it burst out, issuing from the womb;
⁹ When I made the cloud its garment,
 And the thick cloud its swaddling-bands,
¹⁰ And ' prescribed its¹ limit for it,
 And set bars and doors,
¹¹ And said, "Hitherto thou mayest come, and no further,
 And here shall thy proud waves ' be stayed '?"
¹² Hast thou (ever) since thy days (began) commanded the
 morning,
 (Or) hast thou caused the dawn to know its place;

8a. *H* And he hedged about the sea with doors, which is unsatisfactory: see phil. n. Gu. (*Schöpf. u. Chaos*, 92), *who helped*, i.e. rendered the first services (cp. Ezk. 16⁴), *when* etc.?—*The womb*] it is questionable whether the writer at all clearly defined to himself what or whose was the womb, whether chaos (Du. Peake) or the interior of the earth (Di.).

9. The fig. of the newborn child is continued; immediately after birth, it must be ^a clothed and ^b swaddled (Ezk. 16⁴), and for these offices the newborn giant was dependent on Yahweh. Its garments are the clouds that gather over its surface; its swaddling-bands the darkness conceived as surrounding the horizon.

10. *H*, And I brake my limit, or boundary, upon, or against it, which is supposed to mean I made the broken, indented coast line its boundary: see phil. n.—b. Yahweh prevents the monster from escaping from its allotted limit by means of barred doors.

11b. See phil. n. Cp. Ps. 89¹⁰.

12-15. The constant return of morning and the effect of light.—Every day since the world began morning has broken and light has played its marvellous part—ethical (¹³, ¹⁵) and physical (¹⁴)—at God's command; but (¹²) has Job, not indeed *throughout* his brief life, but on any single day of it, issued the command and secured its discharge? On these vv. see phil. n. on ¹⁴ (end).

12. Each day takes its appointed place (cp. 3³⁻¹⁰) at God's command.

- 13 That it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
 And that (so) the wicked might be shaken off it?
 14 It changeth like clay under a seal,
 And ^r is dyed ^l like a garment;
 15 And their light is withholden from the wicked,
 And the raised arm is broken.
 16 Hast thou come unto the springs of the sea?
 Or hast thou walked in the recesses of the deep?
 17 Have the gates of Death been revealed to thee?
 Or have the gate-keepers of Darkness ever ^r seen thee ^l?

13. "The fact that the light has the effect of detecting and dispersing evil-doers is expressed under a beautiful poetical figure: the earth is pictured as a vast coverlet; and the dawn, which darts in a moment from east to west (Ps. 139⁹), seizes this by its extremities, brings to light the wicked upon it, and shakes them off it like dust" (Dr.); cp. for the opposition of light to evil-doers, 24¹³⁻¹⁷.—*Skirts of the earth*] 37³.

14. The earth, deprived by night of both form and colour, receives both again at dawn, which ^a stamps it afresh, so that all objects on it stand out in clear relief, and ^b colours it afresh as a garment that is dyed.—*Is dyed*] ~~It~~ *they* (i.e. the objects on the earth) *stand forth*.

15. Overtaken by morning in the pursuit of high-handed crime, the wicked are brought to justice and punishment.—*Their light*] which is night, darkness; 24¹⁷.

16-18. The depths and breadths of the earth.—As limited as is Job's range through time, is his range through space: he has never fathomed the depth ^{16l}, nor traversed the breadth ¹⁸, of God's creation.

16. *Springs*] if this be the meaning (see phil. n.) the reference is to the "hidden channels connecting the sea with the great abyss of water (the "great deep"), which the Hebrews conceived to extend under the earth (Ps. 24² 136⁶: cp. Gen. 49²⁵, Ex. 20⁴), and from which the waters of the sea were supposed to be derived" (Dr.).—*Recesses*] see phil. n. and 11⁷ n.

17. If the depths of the sea (¹⁶) are unknown to Job, still more the greater depths (11⁸ 7⁹ 26⁵, Ps. 86¹³, Ezk. 32¹⁸) of

- ¹⁸ Hast thou shown thyself attentive to the breadths of the earth?
 Declare, if thou knowest it all.
- ¹⁹ Which way dwelleth light;
 And darkness—where is its place;
- ²⁰ That thou shouldest take it to its boundary,
 And 'bring it into ' the paths to its house?
- ²¹ Thou knowest, for then thou wast born,
 And the number of thy days is great.

Sheol. The dark underworld, the gated realm of death, is open and wholly known to Yahweh (26⁴); even its outside is unknown to Job; one day, no doubt, Job will see those gates, but he will gain his knowledge, unlike Yahweh, at the expense of freedom and life. Death = Abaddon (28²²) = Sheol (26⁶, Ps. 6⁶).—*Gates of Death*] Ps. 9¹⁴ 107¹⁸; cp. "gates of Sheol," Is. 38¹⁰ in all which passages, differently from here, the gates of death are conceived as approached in severe sickness.—*Gate-keepers*] so $\mathfrak{G}$: $\mathfrak{M}$ *gates*, as in ^a.—*Darkness*] cp. 10^{21f.}: for the word (צלמות) see 3⁵ n. Cp. the use of darkness (חשך || land of oblivion) of Sheol in Ps. 88¹³ (12). 7 (6).—*Have . . . ever seen thee?*] $\mathfrak{H}$ *canst thou see?* $\mathfrak{G}$ *have . . . terrified thee*, the gate-keepers being conceived as terrifying monsters.

18. *Attentive to*] see phil. n.; or, *to have understanding* (4^b) *of*.—b. Cp. 4^b.—Bi. Du. see in ²¹ the direct continuation of this v., Du. placing ^{19f.} after ¹⁵.

19f. **The homes of light and darkness.**—Light and darkness, since they were separated (Gn. 1^{3f.}) at creation (cp. "then," ²¹), have separate dwellings: light at close of day, its daily work abroad being done, returns to its house, and so does darkness at the close of night. Does Job know which way these houses lie? Can he take light or darkness even to the confines of its home, to the paths that lead up to it? Some (Di. Bu.) understand ^{20a} to refer to fetching light or darkness out of its house into the territory or region in which it has to exercise its daily function, ^{20b} to taking it home.—*Bring it unto*] $\mathfrak{M}$ *discern or understand*.

21. Ironical: of course Job knows; for he is as old as creation: cp. 15⁷ (Eliphaz).

- 22 Hast thou entered the treasuries of snow,
Or seest thou the 'store-houses' of hail,
23 Which I have reserved against the time of distress,
Against the day of war and of battle?
24 Which is the way to where the 'wind' is distributed,
(And) the sirocco scattered over the earth?
25 Who hath channelled a conduit for the rain-flood,
And a way for the lightning of the thunder;

22 f. **Snow and hail.**—*Treasuries*] cp. 37⁹ n., Dt. 28¹² ("his goodly treasury the heavens"), Jer. 10¹³ ("He bringeth forth wind from His treasuries"), En. 41⁴ 60¹¹⁻²¹ (chambers of winds, snow, mist, rain, treasury of peals of thunder).—*Store-houses*] *the treasuries*, as ^a.

23. Snow and hail are kept by God in His store-houses till He requires them for purposes of judgement, *e.g.* for ruining the crops of evil-doers, or ^b confounding them in battle. Cp. Ex. 9²²⁻²⁶, Is. 28¹⁷, Ezk. 13¹³, Hag. 2¹⁷, Sir. 39^{29f.} (fire and hail . . . these also are formed for judgement . . . all these are created for their uses, and they are in His treasury, against the time when they are required); for hail in battle, Jos. 10¹¹, Is. 30^{30f.}; for snow, 1 Mac. 13²² (not cited as a divine judgement), Ps. 68¹⁴ (?).—*Reserved against*] see phil. n. and 21³⁰.

24. **Winds** have their chambers, too; but where? Cp. En. 41⁴ 60¹², "and the angel . . . showed me . . . the chamber of the winds, and how the winds are divided."—*Wind*] *the light*; see phil. n.

25-27. Two marvels connected with the descent of **rain**, one common also to **lightning**. The rain (1) descends by a way determined (cp. 28²⁶) for it, as also does the lightning, however much it may appear to flash at hazard: (2) the rain falls (not only for the service of man, but), fulfilling purposes of God which have wider objects than men, on uninhabited country; for this wider range of God's providence left unconsidered by Job in his anthropocentric discussion of God's ways, cp. 39^{1ff.} and Ps. 104^{16-18, 20-22, 25}.

25. *Channelled*] *pillag*, cp. *peleg*, channel (29⁶).—*A conduit*] the same word is used of channels for irrigation (Ezk.

- ²⁶ Causing it to rain on a land (which) none (inhabiteth),
 On the wilderness wherein is no man ;
²⁷ To satisfy (the land of) devastation and desolation,
 And to make 'the thirsty (land)' sprout with young
 grass?
²⁸ Hath the rain a father?
 Or who hath begotten the drops of night-mist?
²⁹ Out of whose womb came the ice?
 And who gave birth to the hoar frost of heaven?
³⁰ Like a stone waters 'cohere together',
 And the face of the deep 'is hidden'.
³¹ Dost thou fasten the bands of the Pleiades (?),
 Or untie the cords of Orion (?)?

31⁴), pipes feeding a reservoir (Is. 7³), a trench to contain water (1 K. 18³²): here of pipes conceived as existing to conduct the rain down from heaven to earth.—*Rain-flood*] here (ct. Ps. 32⁶ and the vb. in Is. 8²) of a heavy rain descending.

25b. = 28^{26b}.

27. *Thirsty land*] ~~the~~ place of coming forth: see phil. n.

28. **Rain and night-mist.**—These things have no human source; with the figures of begetting and birth, cp. 8²⁹.—*Night-mist*] 29¹⁹ n.

29-30. **Frost and ice.**—Frozen water is solid as stone ^{30a}, and ^b hides the still unfrozen water beneath; see phil. n.

31 f. **The stars and constellations**—can or does Job, like God, regulate the movement of these, causing them to rise and set, and at different times of year to take different positions in the heavens? This in general seems to be the sense of the vv., though in details these are full of uncertainties. The constellations appear to be mentioned here, after the meteorological questions of ²²⁻²⁹, on account of the ancient association of their movements with changes in the seasons and weather (see on 9⁷).

31. The vbs. are certainly antithetical, the nouns (though their meaning is uncertain) are probably synonymous; the identification of the constellations, particularly the Pleiades is disputed (see on 9⁹). The meaning in general appears to be:

can you, like God, fasten together (something belonging to or something constituting) one constellation or unfasten another? In view of the consistent tone of the questions throughout the speech—can or does Job do what God does?—we must rule out what in itself would be a perfectly possible alternative: can Job fasten what God looses, or loose what God fastens? Consequently the constellation named in ^a was actually conceived as being, at least at times, bound, that in ^b as unbound. But with the ambiguity of the nouns, the uncertain identification of the constellations, and our imperfect knowledge of the Hebrew mythology or stories of the constellations, it is impossible to get beyond very uncertain conjectures as to the exact meaning or the exact nature of any of the myths which may be alluded to.—*Fasten the bands of*] or, *fasten into a cluster*: this has been explained of the closeness of the stars to one another in the Pleiades (Ew. Di.: do you perpetually keep the stars of the Pleiades clustered close together?), or, in various ways, of restraining the constellation in question; *e.g.* those who identify the constellation not with the Pleiades, but with Canis major think of the chains with which Orion restrains his hound (so Burney, *EBi.* 4782); but this makes the activity of God secondary, and the question equivalent to, Can you, like *Orion*, hold the Dog in check? On AV. RVm. (meaning, Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, so as to restrain the gracious season of spring, or ^b dismiss winter before its time?) see phil. n.—*The Pleiades*] other identifications are Canis major (see last n.) which contains Sirius, or the Scorpion (Jensen in *ZA* i. 264).—*Untie the cords of Orion*] if ^a refers to the closeness of the stars to one another in the constellation, this should refer to the greater distance between the stars of another: so, *e.g.*, Bu., who sees a reference to the conspicuous change in apparent distance between the stars of Orion according to its height in the sky. But in the cords it is now more usual to see a reference to the bonds which kept Orion for ever fixed in the sky (see on 9⁹); the untying or loosening of these may refer to Orion's being dragged higher up or lower down the sky (Di.).

32. *Bring forth*] Is. 40²⁶.—*Mazzaroth*] doubtless the name of

- ³² Dost thou bring forth Mazzaroth in its season,
Or lead the Bear with her children?
³³ Knowest thou the laws of the heavens?
Dost thou establish their rule in the earth?
³⁴ Dost thou lift up thy voice to the cloud,
That abundance of waters may cover thee?

a star or constellation, but what is altogether uncertain: see phil. n.—*Or lead*, etc.] לְהַנְיֹתָ may also be translated (pointing לְהַנְיֹתָ), or comfort the Bear for (the loss of her) sons; this would presumably refer to some unknown mythological trait; but the translation, as giving a bad parallel to ^a, is improbable.—*The Bear*] Hebr. 'Ayish (or 'Iyyush): the meaning of 'Ayish is quite unknown and cannot be invoked to assist in identifying the star(s) intended. If the constellation referred to be the Bear, 'Ayish is, strictly, the name of the four stars composing the square, *her children* (or *sons*) the three stars of the tail: cp. the Arabic name for the constellation *na's* (in no way connected with the Hebr. 'Ayish), *the bier*, for the four stars, which resemble the bearers of a bier, and *banât na's*, *the daughters of the bier*, for the three stars, which resemble the followers (Lane, *Arabic Lex.* 2816c). If the constellation intended is the Pleiades (9⁹ n.), 'Ayish is probably the name of its brightest star, *her children* the remaining stars: וְהַנְיֹתָ renders *the Hen with her children*—a description actually applied to the Pleiades by some peoples.

33. *The laws of the heavens*] the laws (חֻקֵּי) enjoined by God on the heavens in respect to the appearance or disappearance of constellations, the change of night and day, etc. Cp. Jer. 31^{35f.} 33²⁵: and (חֻקֵּי) 28²⁶ and ? Ps. 148⁶. *EBi.* 2989, giving to חֻקֵּי a sense not elsewhere found, though not difficult to derive from the root meaning *to inscribe*, renders *the pictures of the heavens*, understanding these to be the signs of the Zodiac.—b. Under God (Gn. 1¹⁶), the heavens rule the earth.

34. *The clouds*—does Job make them give rain? The same subject is continued in 37^{f.}; cp. also 25-28. Whether both 34 (which Bi. omits: 34^b = 22¹¹) and 37^{f.} were original, and, if so, whether they were originally separated by 35^{f.} may be questioned.—*Cover*] וְהַנְיֹתָ answer: but see phil. n.

- ³⁵ Dost thou send forth lightnings that they may go,
And say unto thee, "Here we are"?
³⁶ Who hath put wisdom in the . . . ?
Or who hath given understanding to the . . . ?
³⁷ Who counteth the clouds by wisdom,
Or who tilteth the water-skins of the heavens,
³⁸ When the soil becometh hard as metal,
And the clods cleave fast together?

35. **Lightning**: cp. ^{25b}. With the phrasing of ^a cp. Bar. 3³³ (of light), of ^b, Bar. 3³⁵ (of stars).

36. The terms left untranslated have been the subject of many guesses (see phil. n.). (1) If the v. is in its original context, it should refer to *celestial phenomena*: so, e.g., RVm. *dark clouds* in ^a, *meteor* in ^b, the thought then being that such phenomena "from their movements and the figures they assume . . . are apparently endowed with intelligence" (Dr.). (2) In another context the questions might refer to the origin of *man's* wisdom; but if the terms really mean *inward parts* (cp. Ps. 51⁶) in ^a and *mind* (of man) in ^b (RV.), the v. is probably misplaced. (3) A third theory is that *animals* are referred to: the *cock*, according to an ancient theory, in ^b, *spinning* (spiders), perhaps, in ^a. If these animals were referred to as prognosticators of the weather, the reference would not be out of place in the context; but if as possessing some other form of wisdom, the v. would fall rather somewhere between 38³⁹ and 39³⁰. That ^a refers to man, ^b to the cock (Y al.), is quite improbable.

37. Rain (cp. ³⁴) for ³³ the thirsty earth.—*Counteth*] or, emending, *spreadeth out*: but see phil. n.—*Tilteth the water-skins*] the clouds (^a) are in ^b pictured (cp. 26³ n.) as vast water-skins from which, when laid down or tilted, the water pours forth as rain.

38. *Soil*] עפר, 5⁶ n. 8¹⁹ n.—*Becometh hard as metal*] lit. *is cast*, or *poured into a casting* (as of metal); cp. "the earth (shall be as) iron," Dt. 28²³; "your earth as copper," Lv. 26¹⁹. Du. Peake interpret the phrase of the powdery dusty earth turning, as the rain falls on it, into mud (Du.: clods, Peake); but see phil. n.

- ³⁹ Dost thou hunt prey for the lioness,
 Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ When they crouch in dens,
 (And) sit in the thicket to lie in wait?
⁴¹ Who appointeth for the raven what he hunteth down,
 When his young ones cry unto God,
 (And) 'pipe' for lack of food.

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39-41. Lions, ^{39f.}, and ravens, ⁴¹: who secures that the young of these are fed? Job, as a man, would rather starve and destroy than sustain beasts of prey; but God in His wisdom so orders His world that all His creatures are sustained; cp. especially Ps. 104²⁰⁻²⁴.—*Lioness*] 4^{11b}.—*Young lions*] 4^{10b}.

40. Cp. 37^s.—*Crouch*] lie low: cp. 9¹³, Ps. 10¹⁰.

41. *For the raven*] cp. Ps. 147⁹. *U*, differently pointed, may be rendered *in the evening*; in this case, ⁴¹ continues the subject of the lions, and the raven disappears. The comparative brevity of the treatment of lions and ravens, if both are dismissed in ³⁹⁻⁴¹, is suspicious: so also is the tristich in ⁴¹; but there are difficulties in the way of adopting the rendering *in the evening*: see phil. n.—*Pipe*] a term parallel to *cry* in ^a, and suitable to ravens, if ravens are the subject of the v., is more probable than *they wander* (*U*), or *it*—the parent bird—*wanders*, as others conjecturally emend; see phil. n.

XXXIX. 1-4. The rock- or wild-goat. — The animal intended is generally understood to be *Capra beden*, Wagn. (*DB* ii. 195). "It is a shy animal, with a keen scent, and its coloration is so like that of the surrounding rocks, etc., that it is very difficult to see. It usually goes in small herds of eight or ten, and, when feeding, has a sentry on the look out for enemies" (*EBi*. 1743): see, further, Tristram, *Fauna and Flora of Palestine*, p. 6 (with coloured plate). The rocky (1 S. 24³) mountain haunts of this animal, inaccessible to or at least unfrequented by man (Ps. 104¹⁸), impressed alike the author of Ps. 104 and of this passage. When they give birth, these creatures in their mountain retreats are beyond man's observation and care, but not God's: He has given to them

XXXIX. ¹ Knowest thou, the rock goats?

Or dost thou observe the calving of the hinds?

² Dost thou count the months that they fulfil?

Or dost thou 'appoint' the time when they
bring forth?

³ They bow down, they give birth to their young,

They let go that wherewith they were pregnant.

⁴ Their young ones are healthy, they grow up in
the open;

They go forth, and return not again.

to bring forth with ease (³), and to their young to grow up healthily, and quickly to become independent (⁴).

1. *Knowest thou*] do you take thought and care about: for the force of *know*, cp. 9²¹ n. *¶* + *the time of bringing forth of*. Some prefer to read, *Knowest thou the time of the wild goats*, i.e. the time or season of heat in the males; see phil. n.—*The hinds*] here the females of the wild goats (cp. Ps. 29⁹).

2. *The months that they fulfil*] the period of their pregnancy. —*Appoint*] *¶* know.

3. *They bow down*] 1 S. 4¹⁹. The v. describes the rapidity and ease of the parturition. Rabbinic interpreters understood it of difficult parturition; on both Rabbinic and classical stories about the parturition of the wild goats, see Bochart, *Hieroz.*, lib. iii. c. 17.—*That wherewith they were pregnant*] EV. al. *their sorrows*, (lit. "birth-pangs"), i.e. the young as the cause of their pains; with which it has become customary to compare Ovid, *Her.* 11. 111, "Nate, dolor matris." Cp. also the addition in *¶* in 2⁹ "sons and daughters the pains and sorrows of my womb." But see phil. n.

4. *Again*] lit. *for themselves*; or *unto them*, i.e. the herd.

5-8. **The wild ass.**—God (⁶), not man, who would rather have kept it in bondage, has given to the wild ass, now the most elusive and least tameable (11¹² n.) of creatures, its freedom (⁵); and made the open country far from human dwellings, not some human master's stable such as housed its domesticated brother (Is. 1²), its home (⁶); and given it a contempt for man's angry shoutings such as compelled the domestic

- ⁵ Who hath let the wild ass go free?
 And who hath loosed the bands of the brayer?
⁶ Whose home I have made the steppe,
 And whose dwelling-places the salt land.
⁷ He laugheth at the tumult of the city,
 He heareth not the shoutings of the taskmaster;

ass, most widely used of all beasts of burden, to work in servitude to man (⁷), and fleetness of foot to find its food over wide stretches of country (⁸). References to the wild ass, especially to its fleetness, intractability, shyness and avoidance of the haunts of men are frequent in the OT. (see 11¹², Gn. 16¹², Hos. 8⁹, Is. 32¹⁴, and references in the following nn.), and even more so in the Arabic poets (see Ahlwardt, *Chalif Al-Ahmar*, 341-360; Nöldeke, *Beiträge zur arabischen Poesie*, 143, n. 1, and *Fünf Mo'allaqāt*, ii. 72 ff.); for various ancient references see Bochart, *Hieroz.*, lib. iii. c. 16; and for a modern account of the wild ass of the Hauran, Wetzstein in Del.

5. *Wild ass . . . brayer*] the two terms are used for the sake of parallelism, and do not refer to different species. Neither, like the English translation in ^a and the Arabic *himâr al-wahš*, defines the animal by its similarity to the domestic ass (*h^amôr*); but the first (*pere'*: cp. Ar. *farā*), which has already occurred in 6⁵ 11¹² 24⁵, probably means etymologically the fleet(-footed), the second the brayer, or less probably the flee away (viz. from man: see phil. n.).—*Let go free*] released from captivity; cp. Dt. 15¹², Is. 58⁶.—*The bands*] such as kept the domestic ass in servitude to man.

6. The home of the wild ass is in uncultivated country far from the dwellings of men (Dn. 5²¹)—in the wilderness (24⁵, Jer. 2²⁴, Sir. 13¹⁹: cp. ὄνω ἐρημίτην, c. 11¹² Ε, Jer. 31⁶ Ε), the steppe (24⁵), the salt-land.—*The salt land*] uninhabited country (Jer. 17⁶), unfit for cultivation (Ps. 107³⁴; cp. Jg. 9⁴⁵); a secondary reason for the use of the term here *may* be that as a graminivorous animal (⁸), the wild ass is fond of salt.

7. *He laugheth at*] has no fear of; cp. 18. 22 41²¹ 5²².—b. Cp. 3¹⁸ n.

8. The wild ass must search far and wide for the green

⁸ He spieth out the mountains as his pasture ground,
And he searcheth after every green thing.

⁹ Is the wild ox willing to serve thee?
Or doth he spend the night over thy manger?

stuff on which it lives, but being fleet of foot finds it with an ease denied to the unfortunate human outcasts mentioned in 24⁵.—*The mountains*] cp. Ps. 104^{10f.}.—*Every green thing*] the food of the wild ass: cp. 6⁵, Jer. 14⁶.

9-12. **The wild ox.**—Ass and ox are constantly associated as domesticated animals and beasts of burden (Ex. 21³³ 23^{4, 12}, Dt. 22¹⁰, Is. 1³ 32²⁰, Lk. 13¹⁵); and so from his contrast of the wild (*perē*) to the domestic ass (*hⁿmôr*), the poet now passes to contrast the wild ox (*rⁿēm*) with the domestic ox (*šôr*). The great strength of the wild ox (¹¹) might make him a suitable servant of man, if he would serve; but he will not (^{9a}): no manger (^{9b}) will entice him to tolerate servitude and to endure, like the domestic ox, being harnessed (^{10a}) to the plough or the harrow (^{10b}); but even if he would so submit, man would never have any confidence that his innate love of freedom and his strength would not make him break loose and cause loss (^{11f.}) to his employer.

9. *The wild ox*] that what was regarded, whether with zoological exactitude or not, as a wild *ox* of some kind is intended, is sufficiently clear from this passage alone: cp. the parallelism of the same Hebrew term (רֶאֱמ) with ox (Dt. 33¹⁷), cows (Is. 34⁷ פָּרִים, unless we should there read פָּרָאִים), calf (Ps. 29⁶). Its dangerous (Dt. 33¹⁷, Ps. 22²² ⁽²¹⁾), lofty (Ps. 92¹¹) horns accord with this. The Hebrew *rⁿēm* is now commonly identified with the Assyrian *rīmu*, a wild bull hunted among other large game by the Assyrian kings (Tiglath-Pileser I. in *KB* i. 39), and depicted in enamel, alternately with dragons, on the great Ishtar Gateway of Babylon (cp. *KB* iv. 21). Reproductions of this representation are given in R. Koldewey, *Excavations in Babylon*, plates 26 (in colour), 27 and 30 (in colour), and R. W. Rogers, *History of Babylonia and Assyria*, i. 318. "Among the Assyrians it was often employed in metaphors of strength, and at times occurs in parallelism with *pīru*, elephant. Hence

¹⁰ Dost thou bind ¹him¹ to the furrow ¹with¹ cords?

Or doth he harrow the valleys after thee?

¹¹ Would'st thou trust him, because his strength is great?

Or would'st thou leave to him what thou hast toiled for?

it is not improbable that the animal referred to is the Aurochs, the *Urus* of Julius Cæsar (*BG* 6. 28) . . . and the *Bos primigenius* of naturalists. Its teeth were found by Tristram in Lebanon, in the valley of the Nahr el-Kalb, which is just in the neighbourhood where Tiglah-Pileser I. (c. 1100 B.C.) claimed to have killed the *rimu*. . . . A similar animal is the wild cow or *wadiha* which, according to Doughty (*Ar. Des.* i. 328), may probably be the ארם. Though of no great size it has dangerous horns, measuring sometimes 23 inches . . . with which, when maddened with wounds, it will inflict fatal injuries" (*EBi.* 5229). An alternative name for the last-mentioned animal in the northern Bedawin dialects is *baḡar al-wahš*, i.e. the wild cow, *wadiha*, denoting it as white. Doughty (*ib.* 327) gives an illustration of the horn. This animal is strictly an antelope (*ib.* 328), and, in particular, the *Oryx Beatrix*, Gray, an animal about 35 inches high at the withers, and of a prevailing dirty white colour with the long conspicuous horns already referred to. A coloured illustration of it is given in Sclater and Thomas, *The Book of the Antelopes*, iv. plate lxxxi. In Arabic the term *ri'm*, on the other hand, is given to quite another species of antelope, a graceful little gazelle, that does not correspond to the animal called *r'ēm* in Hebrew, viz. *Gazella Marica*, Thos., depicted in Sclater and Thomas, *op. cit.* iii. lvi.; cp. Hess, in *ZATW*, 1915, 121-123.—*Manger*] Is. 1³: cp. שור אבוס, Pr. 15¹⁷.

10. *Him to the furrow with cords*] ~~1~~ the wild ox in the furrow of his cord.—*After thee*] in harrowing (unlike ploughing) the animal must have been led.

11. No doubt the strength of the wild ox would be most useful to you; but suppose you could catch him and put him to work, would you *trust* him? See on ⁹⁻¹².—*What thou hast toiled for*] the fruit of thy labour in the field (cp. 10³ phil. n.).

¹² Would'st thou confide in him, that he would return,
 ' And ¹ gather, thy seed ' to the ¹ threshing floor?

12. If you were to send the wild ox out to bring home your harvest, you would never expect him to come back.—*Seed*] in the sense of the matured product of the seed sown, corn-crop, as Lv. 27¹⁰, Is. 23³, Hag. 2¹⁹.—*Return*] or (*Qrê*) *bring back*; on this and the emendation adopted above, see phil. n.

13-18. The ostrich.—There need be no doubt that the ostrich (*Y*) is the subject of these verses, though the earlier VV. did not recognize it, and the term used for the bird in ^a is strange (see phil. n.), nor that the cruelty (¹⁴⁻¹⁶), and, if ¹⁷ be original, the stupidity also, commonly attributed to the bird (cp. Bochart, *Hieroz.*, lib. ii. cc. 14-17, and Schultens on this passage) are here referred to. But the first and last vv. of the passage (^{13, 18}) are obscure, and in consequence the exact point and reference of the entire description uncertain. According to one view of ¹³ there is an implicit contrast between the cruelty of the ostrich and the kindness of the stork: then the marvel, as in ⁵⁻⁸ and ⁹⁻¹², consists in the striking differences between animals that in other respects closely resemble one another. Failing this, we must fall back for an explanation of the ostrich, though a bird, appearing in the midst of the quadrupeds, on the fact that it, like wild asses and wild oxen, is a notable inhabitant of the desert (see, *e.g.*, La. 4³, Is. 13²¹ 34¹³; Schult. 1118 top); or we may suppose that the section has been misplaced—Wr. places it after ³⁰—or, though this is much less probable than the preceding or following suggestion, that it has been separated from ^{26f.} through the interpolation of ¹⁹⁻²⁵ (Ehrlich), or that it has itself been interpolated (Bi. Hatch, Du. Che. in *EBi.* 2481; cp. Di. Peake). Those who adopt the last view appeal in proof to *Gr*, from which ¹³⁻¹⁸ were absent, to the length of the section (six distichs as against four in the three preceding sections; yet ¹⁹⁻²⁵ is still longer), the mention of God in ¹⁷, and the predominance of the directly descriptive over the interrogative mode of expression. If the section is original, ^{13a} as well as ^{13b} was probably interrogative; and the remainder of the

- ¹³ Is the wing of the ostrich . . . ,
 Or ;
¹⁴ That she leaveth her eggs on the earth,
 And warmeth (them) in the dust ;
¹⁵ And forgetteth that a foot may crush them,
 And the wild beasts trample upon them ?

section for the most part dependent on the question (cp. ⁶): but, even if it were independent of the opening question, cp. 71. 21-25. 28-30.

13. Schultens (cp. Bochart, *op. cit.* c. 16) was already able to collect twenty different translations or interpretations of this v., and this number could now be considerably increased. Many of these, including AV., can be ruled out as impossible; several remain from which an uncertain choice may be made. Probably ^b contained one, if not two terms, parallel to "wing" in ^a; whether it contained even (cp. ⁵) one (AV.), not to say two (ⲧⲩ Rashi), terms parallel, synonymously or antithetically, to "ostrich" is uncertain. In RV., "The wing of the ostrich rejoiceth; (But) are her pinions and feathers kindly (mrg. (like) the stork's)?," the renderings "rejoiceth," "but" and "her" are all questionable; as is also (see above) the absence of interrogation in ^a. Less improbably, with two slight emendations, we may translate, Is the wing of the ostrich sluggish, Or is pinion and feather lacking (to her), That she leaves, etc. Wr. rendered, Does the wing of the ostrich soar aloft, Or is it strong on the wing like the hawk and the falcon? Nay, it leaves, etc.; if such a contrast between the ostrich's eggs laid on the ground, and the hawk's (²⁶) or the stork's (Ps. 104¹⁷) in lofty trees was the point expressed in the original text, ⲩ requires more change than Wr. allowed himself to make in it (see phil. n.).

14-16. The cruelty of the ostrich: cp. "cruel as ostriches," La. 4³.—If ⲩ in ^b is correct, the v. refers to *two* actual habits of the ostrich, viz. that having laid its eggs in holes scooped in the sand, it ^a then leaves them (frequently during the early period of incubation and in the daytime to go in search of food), but ^b at other times (and continuously during the final periods of incubation) sits upon them to hatch them: but ^b in

¹⁶ She useth her young ones hardly, (making them) into none
of hers;

Her toil is in vain : (there is) no fear.

¹⁷ For God hath made her to forget wisdom,
And hath given her no share in understanding.

¹⁸ What time she spurreth herself (?) on high,
She laugheth at the horse and his rider.

this case forms a bad introduction to ¹⁵, and we should probably read in ^b *depositeth them* (see phil. n.) for *warmeth*; then in ^a we may render by the stronger word *abandoneth* (cp. Jer. 14⁵); and the whole v. refers to a single striking habit of the bird, viz. that it lays its eggs not high up out of danger, but on the ground, and leaves them there (¹⁵), exposed to the risk of any man or beast that may pass by.

16. The v. is a reflection on such habits of the ostrich as that in addition to the eggs laid and concealed in the sand for hatching, it lays others which it leaves exposed in the sand and uses for the nourishment of the chicks; and that "when the ostrich is surprised with her brood she runs away from her chicks" (Post in Hastings' *DB* iii. 635).—*Her young ones*] the unhatched birds.—^b.^a cp. Is. 65²³.—*Her toil*] in laying and in sitting on her eggs.—*There is no fear*] "she is unconcerned about it" (Dr.).

17. The stupidity of the ostrich: cp. the Arabic proverb, "stupider than an ostrich" (see Bochart, *op. cit.*, who cites many ancient testimonies to its stupidity). The v. in giving the reason for the cruelty described in ¹⁴⁻¹⁶, so far blunts that charge; and it stands awkwardly before ¹⁸, which suggests wisdom rather than stupidity. Since also the v. mentions God (cp. 40^{9,10}), it is perhaps an addition (cp. Peake). In lacking wisdom, the ostrich lacks what was not confined to man, but found also in animals (12^{7f}, Is. 1³, Jer. 8⁷, Pr. 6⁶), and in some pre-eminently (Pr. 30²⁴).

18. The speed of the ostrich: "If helped by the wind, the fleeing ostrich spreads its tail-feathers like a sail and with constant flapping of its outspread wings easily escapes its pursuers" (Wetzstein in Del.). To this habit the unknown

- 19 Dost thou give strength to the horse?
Dost thou clothe his neck with ' might ' ?
20 Dost thou cause him to quiver like a locust,
In the majesty of his terrible snorting ?
21 ' He ' paw ' eth ' in the valley, and rejoiceth ;
In strength he goeth out to meet the weapons.
22 He laugheth at fear, and is not dismayed ;
And he turneth not back away from the sword.
23 The quiver twangeth upon him,
The flashing point of the spear and the javelin.
24 Quivering and excited he swalloweth the ground,
And he standeth not still (?) at the sound of (?) the
horn.

word rendered above *spurreth herself* is supposed to allude (see phil. n.).—*Laugheth at*] the slow and ineffective pace of her pursuers: cp. ⁷ n.

19-25. The horse, and in particular the war-horse; its excitement, eagerness and absence of fear as it carries its armed rider ⁽²³⁾ into battle.

19. *Might*] a conjecture based on the parallel term. Guesses at the meaning of **𐎶** include *fear* (**𐎶**), *thunder* (AV.), *neighing* (**𐎶**), *quivering mane* (RV.); see phil. n.

20. Much in this v. is uncertain: see phil. n.—*Quiver*] cp. ²⁴.—*Like a locust*] the comparison of the war-horse with a locust seems less natural than the reverse (Jl. 2⁴, Rev. 9⁷).

21. *The valley*] cp. "thy choicest valleys were full of chariots: and the horsemen," etc., Is. 22⁷: also, for valleys as battlefields or the sites of encampments, Gn. 14⁸, Jg. 7¹, Is. 28²¹. —*Rejoiceth; In strength*] *He rejoiceth in strength*, which unduly limits the ground of the horse's joy: both sense and rhythm could well spare *in strength* altogether.

22. *He laugheth*] v. ¹ n.—*The sword*] of the enemy: this would form an excellent parallel term to “weapons” in 21^b: the order of the lines may have been 21a, 22a, 21^b, 22^b.

24b. The translation is very uncertain, but on the whole preferable to the alternative: *he believeth not that*, or *when*, or *if* (there is) *the sound of the horn*. Possibly the line is merely

- ²⁵ As often as the horn (soundeth), he saith, "Aha!"
 And from afar he scenteth the battle,
 The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
²⁶ Is it through thy understanding that the hawk taketh flight,
 That he spreadeth his wings towards the south?

intrusive, and ^{24.25} originally consisted not of a distich and a tristich, but of two distichs: see phil. n.

25. He neighs out his delight when the horn, the military (Am. 3⁶, Jer. 4¹⁹) musical instrument, sounds an advance.—*The thunder of the captains*] if the phrase is correct, this must mean the orders of the military captains (Nu. 31¹⁴, Is. 3³) given in tones of thunder.—*Shouting*] or war-cry: cp. Am. 1¹⁴, Jer. 4¹⁹, Zeph. 1¹⁶ ("the day of the horn and the battle-shout").

26-30. **The hawk** and, at least in **℣**, **the vulture**.—Birds have been previously mentioned—the raven (38⁴¹ **℣**) and the ostrich (¹³⁻¹⁸); here two further birds conclude this survey of the animal world. Is it through wisdom given to it by Job that a sure instinct leads the hawk southwards at the approach of winter, or, at his command, that the vulture (unlike the ostrich, ¹⁴) places its nest high up out of reach, on those rocky fastnesses where it makes its home and from whence its keen and far-seeing eye detects its carrion (³⁰) food?

26. *The hawk*] חָיָה; in Lv. 11¹⁶, Dt. 14¹⁵ † the term is generic for a class of birds including (לְמִינֵהוּ) several species; birds of the Falconidæ class appear to be intended (Bochart, *Hieroz.*, lib. ii. c. 19; Tristram, *NIIB*, p. 189 f.; Thomson, *Land and Book*, 326; *EBi.* and *DB*, s.v. **hawk**); some of these, as, e.g., the lesser kestrel, migrate south in winter.—The allusion to migration (cp. Jer. 8⁷) in **℣**, is not to be eliminated by rendering *to the south-wind*, "in which case the reference would be to the strength of wing that enabled it to fly in the teeth of the south wind" (Peake after Du.), for this would surely require a stronger prep. than **℣**.

27 f. Du. (see phil. n.), Or is it at thy command that it maketh its nest on high, And hath lodging upon the crag of the rock? This removes the vulture, and makes the whole strophe describe the hawk. Du.'s emendations greatly improve

²⁷ Or is it at thy command that the vulture mounteth up,
And maketh his nest on high?

²⁸ Upon the rock he dwelleth and hath lodging,
Upon the crag of the rock and the fastness.

²⁹ From thence he spieth out food;
Afar off his eyes behold it.

³⁰ His nestlings also gulp down blood:
And where the slain are, there is he.

XL. ² Will the reprover contend with the Almighty?
He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

³ And Job answered Yahweh, and said,

the parallelism, and one bird rather than two would be more according to the analogy of the other sections; on the other hand the habits described in ²⁷⁻³⁰ agree with those elsewhere associated with the vulture.

27. *The vulture*] ⁹²⁶ n.—b. (with ²⁸), cp. Jer. 49¹⁶.

28. *Crag*] Heb. *tooth*; cp. Dent Blanche, Dent du Midi.

29. The vulture and its prey; cp. ⁹²⁶, Hab. 1⁸, Dt. 28⁴⁹ (note "from afar"), Jer. 48⁴⁰ 49²²: cp. Ezk. 17^{3ff.}

30a. Did Job endow the bird "with her terrible instincts, that show themselves at once in her young, which suck up blood"? Cp. also Pr. 30¹⁷. Hrzs. compares Aelian, *H.A.* 10. 14, *σαρκῶν ἥδεται βορᾷ καὶ πίνει αἷμα καὶ τὰ νεότητι ἐκτρέφει τοῖς αὐτοῖς*.—b. cp. Mt. 24²⁸.

XL. 1. Between 39³⁰ and 40² **II**, not **CI**, inserts, And Yahweh answered Job and said, thus cutting off the conclusion (40²) of Yahweh's speech in 38²–39³⁰ 40².

2. Very effectively the speech closes as it opened (38^{2f.}) with a challenge:—Will Job, who has taken upon him the part of reprover and admonisher of God (cp. 38²), still carry on the dispute? if so, he must answer (cp. 38³) the questions Yahweh has put to him, and explain the marvels of creation which have just been brought before him in 38¹–39³⁰; if he cannot do so, he has no right to criticize and reprove.

4f. (+, probably, 42²⁻⁶). **Job's reply to Yahweh:** he admits without reservation that he cannot answer God's questions (^{4a}): he will therefore give up the rôle of critic (^{4b}),

⁴ Behold, I am too mean : what can I answer thee ?

I lay mine hand upon my mouth.

⁵ Once have I spoken ; but I will not ¹ do so again ¹ ;

Yea twice, but I will no further.

⁶ Then Yahweh answered Job out of the storm, and said :—

which he confesses he had several times assumed (⁵). In contrast to his own weakness (40⁴), he acknowledges the omnipotence of God (42²) ; and, now that he has been challenged (38⁴), he sees that he had spoken confidently of what really was beyond his comprehension (42³) ; and this had been because his previous knowledge of God had been by hearsay ; whereas his present knowledge is the outcome of direct vision ; this vision, and new kind of knowledge, have led him to humility and repentance (⁶) for what he had said in criticism of God, though the text and meaning of 42⁶ are by no means certain.

4. *Too mean*] unequal to the task.—b. Cp. 21⁵ 29⁹.

5. *Once . . . twice*] *i.e.* more than once, several times : cp. 33¹⁴.—*Do so again*] ~~he~~ answer.

6-XLI. 26 (34). According to the present text (⁶ = 38¹) a second speech of Yahweh clearly begins with ⁷ ; to this second speech Job then makes a second reply in 42²⁻⁶. But it is probable that in the original form of the poem Yahweh made only one speech (38²-39³⁰ 40²), and Job only one reply and confession (40^{4f.} 42²⁻⁶).

In favour of this conclusion there are weighty considerations : (1) Even as they now stand, unassociated with 42²⁻⁶, 40^{4f.} contain a confession, without any reservation, that Job has thrown up his case, and that he has nothing further to say ; in other words, so far as Job is concerned, Yahweh's object in speaking is already achieved, and there is no need for him to deliver another speech ; (2) after such a confession Yahweh's rebuke in 7-14 "comes perilously near nagging" (Peake) : this objection could be slightly mitigated, but not removed, by merely omitting ⁷ and retaining 8-14 as a second speech ; (3) the speech, if the descriptions of leviathan and behemoth be omitted (see below), is suspiciously short ; and (4) though it treats of a new *subject*, it has no sufficient distinctness of *purpose* from the first speech ; nor does it draw from Job a really distinct or different confession ; Yahweh here refers (40⁴) to Job's impugnement of His righteousness, and to His government of *men* (11-13), whereas in 38. 39 He had spoken of His work in *Nature* ; but this still leads up, as do 38. 39, to the powerlessness and ignorance of Job in contrast to the might and wisdom of God (14) ; and

⁷ Gird up thy loins like a mighty man :

I will ask thee, and declare thou unto me.

⁸ Wilt thou even disallow my right ?

Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be justified ?

Job's reply in 42²⁻⁶ offers no particular withdrawal of his impugnement of God's righteousness, but rather continues, and gives the reason for what he has already said in 40¹⁻⁵; thus he specifically acknowledges the *might* of God (42²), as in 40¹ he had recognized his own impotence, and he gives as a reason for the silence on which he is now resolved (40^{4b}), the humility to which the vision of God has brought him (42^{5b}). Most of those who adopt the view that there is but one speech of Yahweh, include in this one speech, and that as its conclusion, 40⁸⁻¹⁴ (so Bi. Du. Peake); but it is more probable that that speech concluded with 40², and that 40⁷⁻⁴¹³⁶ should be looked on as a variant of the original speech of Yahweh; for (1) the forcible effect of the brief challenge in 40² is weakened by the addition of a few distichs presenting a new subject; (2) 40^{4b} admitting Job's incapacity to answer and announcing his retirement from the argument, follows far better immediately on Yahweh's challenge to him to answer, and justify his argument if he can (40²), than after 8-14; (3) if the poet intended to deal with the impugnement of God's righteousness, it is probable that he would have done so more nearly on the scale of his treatment of the divine wisdom and power in 38. 39; (4) if the speech of Yahweh dealt separately and concluded with the question of the divine righteousness, it would be strange that Job's confession should make no reference to it, but only to the might of God (42²). Da. feeling this remarked (on 42²), "Job does not, as might have been expected, acknowledge the divine righteousness"; but then proceeded very inconclusively to explain that "any one divine attribute implies all others. Omnipotence cannot exist apart from righteousness"; if this reasoning were valid at all, it would render Yahweh's second speech unnecessary.

7-14. As Job had questioned the justice of God's rule of the world, he is now ironically invited to assume Divine attributes, and rule it himself; since he cannot accept the invitation, and so gain by experience a knowledge of all that is involved, he has no right to criticize.

7. = 38³.

8. *Disallow*] or, *make void* (15⁴, Is. 14²⁷, Nu. 30⁹. 13 (8. 12)). —*My right*] that which is my due (34⁵, Is. 10²), *i.e.* my claim that I rule the world justly? Or מִשְׁפָּט might mean *my right*, in the sense of the right, or justice, which I execute in the world (Di. Da.): wilt thou condemn me that thou mayest be in the right, in thy claim, viz. to have been treated differently?

9. *Arm*] the symbol of might, as 22⁸ n.; of God, Ps. 89¹⁴ and often.—*Thunder*] mentioned as an imposing manifesta-

⁹ Or hast thou an arm like God?

And canst thou thunder with a voice like his?

¹⁰ Pray, deck thyself with majesty and loftiness;

And array thyself with glory and state:

¹¹ Shed abroad the overflowings of thine anger;

And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him:

¹² Look on every one that is proud, (and) bring him low;

And pull down the wicked where they stand:

¹³ Hide them in the dust together;

Bind up their faces in the hidden (world):

tion of God's power (cp. 37²⁻⁵).—There is a sudden transition here from the thought of God's justice to that of His *might*. The world is so large, the circumstances and situations of human life so infinitely varied, that none but an omnipotent Ruler could rule them all with perfect justice: "one, therefore, who does not possess God's might, must refrain from passing judgment upon God's justice" (Di.).

10-12. God challenges Job, if he really thinks he can rule the world even as well as, not to say better than God does, to assume His attributes of majesty and power, and to abase the wicked as God abases them.

10. *Deck thyself*] put on as an ornament (עָרַךְ): so Hos. 2¹⁵, Is. 61¹⁰ al.—*Majesty* (מַאֲדָה) of God, as 37⁴, Ex. 15⁷, Is. 24¹⁴ al.—*Loftiness* (גִּבּוֹרָה) cp. 22¹².—*Glory and state* (הוֹד וְהָדָר) the attributes of a king (Ps. 21⁶ 45⁴); of God, Ps. 104¹ 96⁶.

11. *Shed abroad*] lit. *scatter*, or *disperse* (Pr. 5¹⁶). The figure is that of an impetuous, overflowing stream: cp. to *pour out* wrath, Hos. 5¹⁰, and often.—**b.** cp. Is. 2¹².—*Look upon*] lit. *see*: do, if thou canst, as I do, who merely see the wicked, and they are instantly brought down!

12a. = ^{11b}, except one word: the repetition, if original, was intended to give emphasis to the thought.—**b.** *Where they stand*] immediately, and on the spot.

13. The reference might be to some dark, underground cavern, used as a prison, such as that in which Azazel is confined in En. 10^{4f.} (bind Azazel hand and foot, and cast him into the darkness: and make an opening in the desert, which is in Dudâêl, and cast him therein. And place upon him rough and jagged rocks, and cover him with darkness, and let him

¹⁴ Then will I also praise thee,
That thine own right hand can save thee.

abide there for ever, καὶ τὴν ὄψιν αὐτοῦ πώμασον, καὶ φῶς μὴ θεωρείτω,—quoted by Di.), or, more probably, perhaps, to the dust of the grave in ^a, and to the dark and hidden recesses of Sheol in ^b.—*Hide them in the dust*] Is. 2¹⁰.

14. If Job succeeds in a position in which (as his complaints imply) he deems God to have failed, God will acknowledge—not, indeed, that he is equal to Himself in all things, but that he has an arm like God's (⁹⁰)—that at least his own power is sufficient for the task which he has undertaken, and that he is able to wield effectively his sword for the punishment of evil-doers. The *hand*, *right hand* or *arm*, is said in Heb. to *save*, or *give salvation* (*deliverance*, *victory*) to a person, when, with none to help him, he himself triumphantly overcomes his foes; of men, Jg. 7² ("lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me"), 1 S. 25²⁶, 33, Ps. 44⁴ (3); of God, Is. 59¹⁶ and 63⁵ (no one else could do anything, so "his own arm *brought salvation* to him"), Ps. 98¹.

15-XLI. 34 (26). Behemoth and Leviathan.—For various reasons it seems probable that the description of these two animals was not written by the author of 38 f.

(1) The descriptions are longer: the longest description in 38 f. extends to six distichs and a tristich; that of behemoth to ten, that of leviathan to thirty-four distichs. (2) Questions, so frequent throughout 38 f. and never intermitted for more than a few distichs (at most five, 39²¹⁻²⁵) at a time, are here entirely absent from twenty consecutive distichs in 41¹⁵⁻³⁴ (7-16) and from nine or ten in 40¹⁵⁻²³ (24). The questions that do occur are massed together in 41^{1-7, 10f, 13f, (40²⁵⁻³¹ 41^{2f, 5f})}. (3) The constant recurrence of questions in 38 f. serves to keep the sense that God is speaking vivid, and to give an accumulating urgency to the divine challenge to Job; in the prolonged absence of questions in, and the purely descriptive character of especially the close of, 40^{15-41³⁴ (26)}, the force of the challenge expressed, as in 38 f., in 41¹⁻¹¹ (40^{25-41³}) dies away, and it is easy to forget that God is speaking. (4) This effect is not prevented by the direct assertion of 41¹² (4), which, if the text be correct, has no parallel in 38 f. (5) In 38 f. it is the habits, actions and temper of the animals, and especially what is striking or strange in these, that are referred to; in 40^{15ff.} descriptions of the bodily parts of the animal assume prominence (see especially 40¹⁶⁻¹⁸ 41^{12, 15-23, 30} (4, 7-15, 23)). (6) Whether behemoth and leviathan are respectively the hippopotamus and the crocodile, in which case they are pre-eminently

Egyptian animals, or *mythical* monsters (see below), they contrast strikingly with the *actual* animals of *Palestine* described in 38f. It is questionable whether much or any weight can be attached to (7) linguistic and stylistic differences: Di. detects such in Jordan (=a river) 40²³, leviathan 40²⁶ (assuming that it differs in meaning from leviathan in 3⁷), 41⁵ (ct. 30¹¹), 41¹⁸ and 41¹⁹, 41²² negating the finite vb. 41²³, 41²⁶ (ct. 41²⁷ 6²⁴); but both 41²³ and 41²⁶, even if in themselves significant, are textually doubtful; on the negatives, the most noticeable among the points adduced, and on 41²³, see phil. nn. on 41²³, 41²⁶; on leviathan see the end of this introductory note; the use of Jordan in 40²³ is no doubt remarkable, but there is no obvious opportunity for its use elsewhere in the book. Di. also alleges the style of 41⁷, 41²², 41²³, but this is partly the result of textual corruption and for the rest inconclusive. In view of the indecisiveness of (7), it must no doubt remain largely a matter of taste whether the author of 38f. is considered to be also the author of 40²³-41²⁶ or any part of it, and whether there were originally two speeches of Yahweh or only one. But such a second speech as the present text offers, with its brief introduction (40⁷⁻¹⁴) followed by these lengthy descriptions of two animals, with its small interrogative element and entire absence of challenge at the close, is certainly greatly inferior in conception to the first with its vivid, brief descriptions of several animals, its recurrent challenging questions, and its final question (40⁶). To transfer the descriptions of behemoth and leviathan to the first speech, as some have proposed, merely mars the first without rendering the second speech thus reduced to great brevity (40⁷⁻¹⁴) more probable.

A further question is whether the whole of 40²³-41²⁶ is from the same hand. If not, it is safest to distinguish from the rest 41¹⁻¹¹ (40²³-41⁶) which is mainly interrogative (and so in contrast to the rest which is almost entirely descriptive), and *possibly* treats of a *sea* monster in contrast to the *Nile* animals that form the subject of the rest. This passage (41¹⁻¹¹) *might* then have originally formed part of the first or rather the only speech of Yahweh. Others have distinguished (1) the description of leviathan (41¹²⁻³⁴ 4²⁶) from (2) the description of behemoth and the interrogations about leviathan (40²³-41¹¹ 3⁸), attributing the whole of (2) to the author of 38f.: so, e.g., Stuhlmann; see also the discussions by Bu. (on 40²³-41²⁶) and Ku. (*Hist. Crit. Onderzoek*, iii. § 101, n. 17).

The identifications of behemoth and leviathan with the hippopotamus and the crocodile respectively are now commonly accepted: the only modern competing theory is that which, reviving in a fresh form ancient Jewish interpretations (En. 60⁷⁻⁹, 24, Apoc. Bar. 29⁴, 4 Es. 6³¹⁻³²: see also references, s.v. לִיָּוִיָּה in Levy, *NHUB*) sees in these beasts mythical monsters described partly on the basis of mythological tradition, partly by means of traits derived from the hippopotamus and the crocodile (Che. *EBi.* 2483): see Che. *Job and Solomon*, 56, and *Behemoth and Leviathan*, in *EBi.*; Toy, *Judaism and Christi-*

¹⁵ Behold, now, behemoth, which I made with thee;
Grass, like the ox, doth he eat.

anity, 162 f.; Gu. *Schöpfung u. Chaos*, 57, 61 ff.; and for a full and keen criticism of the theory, Bu. The supposed mythical traits are found mainly in the interrogative passage (41¹⁻¹¹ (40²⁵-41³)), though not exclusively, for Che. and Gu. find such also in 40^{19, 24} 41²⁵ (17) 31-34 (23-26), and especially in the fact that both animals, though this so far as the hippopotamus is concerned rests precariously on 40²⁴, are represented as beyond the power of *men* to capture, whereas the ancient Egyptians hunted and captured both the crocodile and the hippopotamus. Yet this point cannot be pressed too far, for, as Bu. (on 40²⁵) has pointed out, the Egyptians themselves could speak rhetorically of the animals as unapproachable: so in a hymn of victory Amon-Re says of Thothmes: "The lands of Mitanni tremble under fear of thee: I have caused them to see thy majesty as a crocodile, lord of fear in the water, unapproachable" (Breasted, *Egyptian Records*, ii. 659). Possibly, however, those who put forward this theory are so far right that two distinct animals are described in 41¹⁻³⁴ (40²⁵-41²⁶). In the interrogative passage, which is dominated by the idea of the beast's invincibility, there is nothing, unless we should so regard 41⁷ (40³¹), that points necessarily or at all strikingly to the crocodile, and one or two points (see on 41¹) seem inconsistent with it. We should, perhaps, distinguish (1) in 41¹⁻¹¹ (40²⁵-41³) a description of a *sea-monster*, leviathan, which is implied in Ps. 104²⁵ to be seen of sailors on the sea, but is more often mentioned with distinctly mythical associations (3⁸, Is. 27¹, Ps. 74¹⁴, En. 60⁷⁻¹¹, 4 Esd. 6⁴⁹⁻⁵², Apoc. Bar. 29⁴), from (2) a description in 41¹²⁻³⁴ (4-2⁶) of the *Nile-monster*, the crocodile, which was never termed leviathan, but may have been mentioned by name in the rhythmically irregular and more or less corrupt opening v. of the description (41⁴ (12)).

15-24. Behemoth.—Its habits (15. 20-23), bodily parts (16-18), and avoidance of capture (24).

15. Behemoth] apparently the pl. of the common Hebr. term for beast with intensive force—the *great beast*—here applied to a particular animal which may, on the strength of the details

¹⁶ Lo, now, his strength is in his loins,
And his force is in the muscles of his belly.

given, especially of its amphibious character (^{22f.}), be identified with the hippopotamus (so most since Bochart, *Hierozoicon*, lib. v. c. 15). On the possibility and extent of mythical elements in the description see above, and the notes that follow. Schultens, himself inclining to the elephant, records and criticizes a number of other identifications, mostly ridiculous, such as the worms feeding on Job's body, the domesticated ox, or, allegorically, the Devil or Christ. The hippopotamus, even if in the time of the author found outside Africa, and the crocodile were probably mainly thought of by the author as the two most conspicuous animals of Egypt and the Nile: cp. Herod. ii. 68-71, where the hippopotamus is described immediately after the crocodile: Diod. i. 35; Pliny, *HN*. viii. 95. "At the present time the river-swine (as the ancient Egyptians called them) [*i.e.* the hippopotamus] do not extend north of Dongola, between the second and third cataracts, and even there they are rare; but both the frescoes and writings of the Egyptians and the fossil remains found in the Delta of the Nile show that in former times it inhabited Lower Egypt, and was harpooned by the inhabitants. During the Pleistocene and Pliocene epochs an animal specifically indistinguishable from the hippopotamus was widely spread over southern and middle Europe, extending even into England, so that although at present there is no distinct evidence of its existing in the Jordan, it is possible that it may formerly have done so" (*EBi*. 2073).

15. *With thee*] *i.e.* like thee (⁹²⁶ ³⁷¹⁸); both alike are God's creatures (cf. for the thought, ³¹¹⁵ ³³⁶). Or, omitting *which I made* with *Ĝ*, we may render *is beside thee* (see phil. n.).—*Grass, like the ox*] from its size and strength it might have been judged to be a carnivorous animal; but like other cattle it feeds merely on grass. The hippopotamus, especially at night, issues forth from its reedy ferns and "treading its way into the cultivated lands, makes sad devastation among the growing crops" (Wood's *Mammalia*, p. 762).

16-18. The immense strength of the animal.

- ¹⁷ He bendeth his tail like a cedar :
 The sinews of his thighs are knit together.
¹⁸ His bones are tubes of bronze ;
 His limbs are like bars of iron.
¹⁹ He is the first of the ways of God :
 Let him that made him bring near his sword !

16a. Not very distinctive, since the loins in general, or at least in men, were proverbially the seat of strength (Nah. 2², thy loins || thy power, Ps. 69²⁴ (23), Dt. 33¹¹; cp. Latin *delumbare*, to weaken); on the other hand, **b.** the muscles of the belly in the hippopotamus are said to be peculiarly thick and strong; and, unlike the elephant (1 Macc. 6⁴⁶; Jos. Ant. xii. 9⁴), for example, it was not peculiarly vulnerable in the belly.

17a. A hyperbolic description of its tail. This is short, similar to that of a pig, hairless, very thick near the root, about the thickness of a finger at the end; its muscular stiffness, regarded apparently as indicative of strength, forms the point of its comparison to a cedar.—*Are knit together*] intertwined, so as to form a compact mass of muscle. Perhaps (Del.) there is in ישרני an allusion to a closely intertwined bunch, or cluster, of vine-tendrils (cf. יִצְרִי, a cluster of tendrils, Gn. 40^{10, 12} [EVV. branch]).

18. *Tubes of bronze*] so strong and firm are they.—*Limbs*] or perhaps, strictly, *bones*: see phil. n.

19. Cp. in the description of leviathan, 41^{33f. (25)}.—*First*] or, *chief*; ראשית, lit. *first, beginning*, may denote either what is first in *time*, as the “*beginning* of wisdom,” Ps. 111¹⁰, or *first season* (of a tree, Hos. 9¹⁰), or what is first in *rank*, as Am. 6¹ the *chief* of the nations, v. 6 the *best* of unguents. *Ways* mean here the creative work of God: cf. 26¹⁴, and especially Pr. 8²² “Yahweh got me (Wisdom) as the *beginning* of his way(s: & Σ Ψ).” Is “first,” now, here to be taken in the sense of first in time (Gu. *Schöpfung u. Chaos*, 62)—according to Jewish Haggadah, Behemoth was not created until the 5th day (Bar. 29⁴, 4 Esd. 6⁵⁰)—or (Del.) first in rank, “the most majestic work of creation, *un chef d'œuvre de Dieu* (Bochart)” ? “Perhaps (Hrz. Di. Bu. Du.) both ideas are to be thought of: behemoth was the masterpiece of God’s creative work,

²⁰ For the mountains bring him (their) produce ;
All the beasts of the field do play there.

because (Hrz.) His full, fresh creative force had embodied itself in it (cp. the expression מִן הַכֹּחַ, Gn. 49³ al. 'the *first* (or *firstfruits*) of my virile strength,' of the firstborn, regarded at the same time as the fullest representative of his father's physical nature). 'As mythology peopled the primaeval times with giants, it is natural they should look on huge beasts like the hippopotamus as remnants of such times' (Wr. 192)"—Dr.—God] in a speech of Yahweh: cp. ⁹ 39¹⁷ (perhaps interpolated). —*Let him that made bring near his sword!*] viz. to assail him; for no one else can do so. This is the only meaning which פה can have; but it is not satisfactory: in particular, it anticipates ²⁴ and it gives no reason for the following *For* (²⁰). The conventional rendering is, "He that made him *bringeth near* his sword" (fig. for his powerful teeth), i.e. furnishes him with it: but this, though it satisfies the following *For* (see on ²⁰) is for other reasons still less satisfactory (see phil. n.). The emendation (Che. after Du.), *which is made to be ruler of his fellows* (i.e. of the other animals), is attractive and *may* be right. G suggests *which is made for him to play with* (cp. Ps. 104²⁶), i.e. to be God's plaything. Gu. very precariously, *which was made that he should rule the dry land*, cp. En. 60⁷⁻⁹, 4 Esd. 6⁴⁹⁻⁵² (Behemoth created lord of the desert; Leviathan, lord of the deep).

20. *For the mountains bring him (their) produce*.—So פה. "For," however, agrees only with the conventional rendering of ¹⁹ just mentioned (it requires such a weapon; *for* it needs abundant vegetation for its nutriment), which (see phil. n.) is far from satisfactory; Du.'s emendation, "For the produce of the mountains *he* taketh to himself," gives a better sense. *Produce*, as 20²⁸, Lev. 26⁴, Ps. 67⁷ (⁶) al. (EVV. usually *increase*). "Mountains" in Egypt are, however, at some distance from the Nile, and also bare: probably smaller cultivated heights, near the river itself, are meant. The thought of the line is, not that the animal feeds on mountains as opposed to plains, but that whole tracts of wooded and grassy heights are depastured

- ²¹ Under the lotus trees he lieth,
 In the covert of the reed, and the swamp.
²² The lotus trees screen him as his shade ;
 The poplars of the wādy compass him about.
²³ Behold, if a river [overflow], he is not alarmed,
 He is confident, though Jordan burst forth against his mouth.

by him.—b. The line according to the existing text suggests the harmlessness of the animal: huge as it is, it does not assail other creatures; they can play fearlessly beside it. Gu. (see phil. n.) suggests that the original text expressed the subjection of other animals to behemoth in some such form as *all the beasts of the field look up to him*.

21-22. Its favourite haunts: under the shade of lotus trees, or poplars, and among the reeds and swamps of the river's side. The "lotus" meant is not the water-lily called *Nymphaea lotus*, though this is common in Egypt, but the *Zizyphus Lotus*, a low thorny shrub, which (Wetzst.) loves warm and moist low-lying regions (e.g. the shores of the Sea of Galilee), and is common in N. Africa (cf. the *λωτοφάγοι*, *Od.* 9. 82 ff.; Hdt. iv. 177).

21. *The reed*] the papyrus: Is. 19⁶, Ps. 68³¹ "the beast of the reed." Cf. Ammian. Marc. xxii. 15 (cited by Bochart): *Inter arundines celsas et squalentes nimia densitate hæc bellua cubilia ponit*.

22. *The poplars of the wādy*] so Lev. 23⁴⁰: cf. the "wādy of poplars" Is. 15⁷: עֲרָבִים, also Is. 44⁴, Ps. 137² †. The Arabic equivalent is *gharab*: and branches of this, brought to Europe and examined, are found to belong to the *Populus Euphratica*, which is very common in Palestine, being found on the banks of the Jordan and all other rivers (*EBi.* iv. 5302). The "wādy" suggests Palestine rather than Egypt.

23. The animal may be asleep on the edge of the river, or even in the river itself, with just its eyes, ears, and nostrils above the water; but it can dive and swim; so even though the stream rises suddenly and dashes against it, it is not alarmed. In ^b (if *Jordan* is correctly read there) the imagery is derived from Palestine (cp. last n. end): even though Jordan, a rapid and impetuous stream, dashed against it, it would still

²⁴ Can any take him 'when he is on the watch',
Or pierce through 'his' nose with metal teeth?

have no fear.—*Overflow*] in RV. "overflow" is a paraphrase: RVm. *be violent*, is a doubtful rendering (see phil. n.). Gu., also by a slight emendation, obtains *Falleth*, and then restores the whole v. as follows: Behold, if the river falleth, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the stream burst forth—alike whether the Nile rises or falls, the hippopotamus remains unalarmed.—*Is alarmed*] Dt. 20³, Heb. (EVV. *tremble*). The word implies hurry mingled with alarm: 1 S. 23²⁶, 2 S. 4⁴, Ps. 48⁶⁽⁵⁾ 104⁷ (the waters "at the voice of thy thunder *sped in alarm*").

24. A very doubtful v.: by itself it would most naturally express the ease with which the animal is captured: this being impossible in the context, it has been often understood to mean, It cannot be taken like an ordinary land-animal: when it could see him, no one would be able to take it, nor can its huge nostril be pierced by metal teeth.—*Can any . . . ?*] No interrogation is *expressed* in ח; and it is not improbable that the v. was originally, like the rest of the passage, descriptive; it may have read, *No man can*, or similarly. Gu. surmises a mythological reference: *God taketh or took him*: see phil. n.—*Metal teeth*] מוקש is not a 'snare' (EVV.), i.e. (Germ. *Schnur*, a string) a cord, or noose; but, as its fig. use in the sense of a lure to destruction suggests (Ex. 10⁷ 23³⁷, 1 S. 18²¹, 'that they may be a *môkēsh* to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be upon him) the trigger, or metal tooth, on which the bait was placed which, when the animal touched it, was released either by the action of the animal itself, or (as in Egypt) by the fowler concealed near it, who pulled it by a string, so that the trap, or frame holding the net—see the illustration of an Egyptian trap-net in Dr. *Joel and Amos*, p. 157—closed upon the animal; or sometimes—as the present passage would suggest—pierced its nostril, and so secured it (Del.). Such an instrument might effectually capture smaller animals; but it would be useless against the huge, thick-skinned muzzle of the hippopotamus"—Dr. See Burney, *Judges* 40.

XLI. (XL.) ¹ (25) Canst thou draw out leviathan with a fish hook?
Or press down his tongue with a line?

XLI. 1-34 (XL. 25-XLI. 26).—Leviathan: Can Job capture leviathan? ¹⁻⁸. If not, how stand before God? ⁹⁻¹¹ (but the text, meaning, and connection of ⁹⁻¹¹ are uncertain). In ¹²⁻³⁴ there follows a description of, in all probability, the crocodile. Whether this animal is also the subject of ¹⁻¹¹ is less certain (see above, p. 353). In describing the crocodile after the hippopotams, the writer probably had at least mainly in view the crocodiles of the Nile (cp. ³¹ (23) n.), not crocodiles of the streams flowing into the Mediterranean south of Carmel, even if crocodiles at the time were found in any of the streams of Palestine. The OT. never refers to crocodiles in Palestine, though it is commonly inferred, from the names *Κροκοδείλων πόλις*, attaching to a town between Ptolemais and Straton's Tower (Strabo, 16. 27), and Crocodilon (Pliny, *HN.* 5. 17), attaching to a stream generally identified with the Nahr ez-Zerqa, which flows into the Mediterranean south of Carmel and north of Cæsarea, that crocodiles existed in Palestine at least as early as these writers. Several mediæval writers speak, mainly on hearsay, of crocodiles especially in the stream north of Cæsarea (see Tobler, *Dritte Wanderung nach Palästina*, 375 ff.), and the presence of crocodiles, particularly in the Nahr ez-Zerqa, has been reported by many modern travellers (see *Memoirs of the Survey of Western Palestine*, ii. 3; H. B. Tristram, *Fauna and Flora*, 155; Conder, *Palestine*, 70; Macgregor, *The Rob Roy on the Jordan*, 432 f. (who also claims to have seen a crocodile in the Kishon, *ib.* 447 ff.); *PEF Qu. St.* 1887, p. 1), and the skin of a crocodile said to have been killed in this stream is in the possession of the PEF (see *Qu. St.* 1893, pp. 183, 260). See more fully *PEF Qu. St.* Oct. 1920.

XLI. 1 (40²⁵). Can leviathan be taken by an ordinary hook and line?—[Leviathan] a term with mythological associations (³ n.), and never, presumably, the current Hebrew term for the crocodile, but here, if throughout down to ³⁴ the same animal is referred to (yet see above, p. 353), applied to the crocodile to which the details in ¹²⁻³⁴ so strikingly point that, with the

exception of Schultens, who still inclined to identify the animal described with the whale, most since Bochart have acquiesced in the identification, even those who argue for a mythical character of both behemoth and leviathan agreeing that elements in the description in ¹²⁻³⁴ are taken from the crocodile.—*Or press down*, etc.] this has been explained as meaning that when the hook is swallowed and the cord drawn tightly, it presses down the tongue (Di. Da.). But the language is strange (see phil. n.). Du. Peake take the line to refer to leading about the animal, after capture, by means of a rope fastened round the tongue and lower jaw; and they find the idea carried on in ². In this case ^{1b} and ^{2b} have probably changed places; note that the more closely parallel terms *line* and *cord*, *fish hook* and *hook* would by such a transposition be associated in the same distich; ^{2b} in this case refers to what is done before capture: cp. Ezk. 29⁴.—*His tongue*] this reference is not favourable to the identification of *leviathan*, ¹⁻⁸ (as distinct from the animal described in ^{12ff.}) with the crocodile: for Herodotus (ii. 68) records a widely prevalent popular opinion when he remarks of the crocodile that “unlike all other beasts, he grows no tongue”; similar statements (collected by Bochart, *Hieroz.* v. 16) are made by Aristotle, Plutarch, Pliny, and Ammianus and others. The difficulty cannot be satisfactorily avoided by pleading that as a matter of fact the crocodile has a tongue, though it is immobile and adheres to the lower jaw; for the question is not what is known to modern and some ancient (see Bochart) correct observers of the crocodile’s anatomy, but what was the popular opinion in the age of the writer; it is possible, though not probable, that the Jewish author of this passage did not share the opinion current in Egypt, carried home thence by Herodotus, who was probably nearly contemporary with him, and accepted by Aristotle. Peake very rightly rejects another explanation, remarking, the line hardly means “you cannot press down his tongue, for he has none; but rather you cannot press down his tongue, for he is too formidable to be attacked.” But would a writer so speak of the tongue in reference to an animal popularly believed to have none? *H* (see phil. n.) admits of being rendered *into his teeth*; but

2 (26) Canst thou put a cord into his nose?

Or pierce his jaw through with a hook?

3 (27) Will he make many supplications unto thee?

Or will he speak soft words unto thee?

this rendering involves an improbable construction, and the text probably refers, as most have assumed, to the tongue. There is another consideration unfavourable to the identification of the beast described in 1-8 (11) with the crocodile: Herod. (ii. 70) describes the method of capturing crocodiles as follows: "A man puts the back of a pig upon a hook as bait, and lets it go into the middle of the river, while he himself upon the bank of the river has a young live pig, which he beats: and the crocodile hearing its cries makes for the direction of the sound, and when he finds the pig's back swallows it down; then they pull, and when he is drawn out to land," etc. Now, as already remarked, though crocodiles were captured, even the Egyptians could speak of them rhetorically and in general terms as unapproachable; but is it natural to ask incredulously *in detail* whether that was done which was done, or at least was believed by such a traveller as Herodotus to have been done?

2 (40²⁶). Can it, after capture, be treated like other fish? The reference may be either to the method of carrying fish when caught, cp. the illustration in Wilkinson, *Ancient Egyptians*, ii. 118 (190), or (Del.) to the practice of passing a cord through their gills, and letting them down into the water again, to keep them fresh; or there may be an allusion to the custom of leading about a bull or wild animal with a cord and ring (see on 1).—*Cord*] lit. a *rush* (41¹² (20), Is. 58⁵), i.e. a cord either made of rushes, or spun of rush-fibre: cf. *σχοῖνος* and *σχοινίου*.—*Hook*] *חֹבֶה* is properly a *brier* (2 K. 14⁹), then a *thorn* (Pr. 26⁹), and fig. a *spike* or *pointed hook* for holding captives; cp. 2 Ch. 33¹¹, and they caught (and held) Manasseh (*מַנַּחֵם*) with hooks: and so (*חֹבֶה*) Ezk. 19⁴ 29⁴, and Is. 37²⁹, I will put my hook in thy nostril: cf. the representation on a stele in the British Museum of Esarhaddon holding Tirhakah of Egypt and King Baal of Tyre, who are kneeling before him, by two cords, with rings at their end passed through their noses (Pl. 40 in Rogers, *CP*).

- 4 (28) Will he make a covenant with thee,
That thou shouldest take him for a servant for ever?
5 (29) Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 (30) Will the companies (of fishermen) bargain over him?
Will they divide him among the merchants?
7 (31) Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons,
Or, his head with fish spears?

3 (40²⁷). Will he *beg* to be spared or treated kindly?

4 (40²⁸). Will he consent to make an agreement with thee to be thy servant as long as he lives, receiving in return his food from thee?—*Covenant*] as Gn. 31⁴⁴, 2 S. 3^{12, 13} etc.—*A servant for ever*] *i.e.* to the end of his life: so Dt. 15¹⁷, 1 S. 27¹².

5 (40²⁹). Can Job play with him as a bird, or keep him in his house as a pet for his maidens? Bochart and others compare Catullus' "passer deliciæ meæ puellæ."

6 (40³⁰). Is leviathan an article of traffic? Will fishermen make bargains (6²⁷) over him, or merchants be ready to take portions of it from them?—*Companies*] חברים *is associates, partners*: fishermen often worked in partnership; cf. Luke 5⁷ κατένευσαν τοῖς μετόχοις ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ πλοίῳ, ¹⁰ οὗ ἦσαν κοινωνοὶ τῷ Σίμωνι.—*Merchants*] lit. *Canaanites* (*i.e.* Phœnicians), these being the principal "merchants" known to the Hebrews. Cf. Is. 23⁸, Zech. 14²¹, Zeph 1¹¹, Pr. 31²⁴, Ezk. 17⁴.

7 (41³¹). This v. might well refer to the crocodile: can spears pierce his sides so as to enter his flesh? But it would anticipate, so far as the reference to the shield-like scales is concerned, 15-17 (7-9), and, so far as the futility of weapons is concerned, 26-29 (18-21). If the reference is to a sea-monster, the meaning is: as he is not to be captured with hook, so he is not to be slain by spears, for ⁸ no one assails leviathan with impunity: it is the assailant, not leviathan, that in such a case would suffer.—*Fish spears*] or, *harpoons* only here; lit. a *whizzing* implement. Spears of various kinds were much used in ancient Egypt for fishing, and are often represented on the monuments. "The bident was a spear with two barbed points which was either thrust at the fish with one or both hands as they passed by, or was darted a short distance,

8 (32) Lay but thine hand upon him ;

(Then) think of the battle ; thou wilt do so no more !

9 (1) Behold, the hope of him (that assaileth him) proveth itself false ;

Even at the sight of him ¹ he is ¹ prostrated.

10 (2) ¹ Is he ¹ not (too) fierce for one to stir him up ?

Who, then, is he that can stand before me ?

a long line fastened to it preventing its being lost, and serving to secure the fish when struck . . . sometimes a common spear was used for the purpose" (Wilk. B. ii. 121, cited in *EBi.* i. 1527: the line and net were, however, also used; see illustr., *ibid.* 115-117).

8 (41³²). *I.e.* If thou merely layest thy hand upon him, the thought of the struggle thou wilt have with him will deter thee from ever doing so again.

9-11 (1-3). It is hopeless to expect to conquer in a contest with the monster (^{9-10a}); who, then, can expect to stand in a contest with God? (^{10b-11}). The thought of ^{10b-11}, however, occasions difficulties, and it is very doubtful if the text throughout is correct. For mythological allusions found (after emendation) in these vv. by Gu. and Che., see phil. n. Me. and Du. consider the vv. not only in need of emendation, but also out of place; see on ¹².

9. *Of him (that)*, etc.] The pron., as happens sometimes in Heb. (see phil. n.), refers to the person whom the poet has in his mind, here the assailant.—b. The very sight of the monster will paralyse his assailant.—*He is*] **הוּא**, *impossibly, is he?* EVV. silently emend by inserting *not*.

10a. Commonly rendered, "He (the assailant)—*or* (Del.), One—is not fierce (enough), that he should stir him up" (Di.): but **אִמְרוֹר** is strictly *cruel* and is better, as above, applied to the animal (see phil. n.). The general thought is in both cases the same: no one dares to molest him.

11b. The sudden introduction of God here, without the least emphasis in the Heb. on *me* to suggest that a different reference is intended, agrees indifferently with the context; hence Gu. Du. Ehrlich, Honth. read the 3rd p. instead of the 1st. "Who, then, is he that can stand before *him* (*i.e.* Leviathan)? Who ever confronted *him*, and prospered?" "**הוּא** is, however, attested (in

^{11 (5)} Who hath ever confronted me, and prospered?
 Under the whole heaven such a one is ^r not!

both words) by **Ⲭ**; it is not apparent why, if the 3rd pers. stood originally in ^{10b, 11a}, it should, after the 3rd pers. in ^{10a}, have been changed into the 1st: and though 27 Heb. MSS and **Ⲭ** read *him* for *me* (ⲗⲡⲛⲓ for ⲗⲡⲛⲓ) in ^{10b}, this may be an error, due to faulty assimilation to 'stir *him* up' just before: the remaining Versions all read *me*, and there is no variant in either MSS or VV. in 'confronted *me*' in ^{11a} (Dr.).—*Stand* (ⲏⲣⲥⲃ) *before me*] the expression, as Dt. 7²⁴ (ⲃⲡⲡⲓ) 9² 11²⁵ (ⲃⲡⲡⲓ), Jos. 1⁵.

11. *Me*] or, emending, *him* (see on ¹⁰).—*And prospered*] so, virtually, **Ⲭ**: see phil. nn. pp. 335, 337.—**11a.** **ⲡⲏ** Whoever came before me, or to meet me (Mic. 6⁶, Dt. 23^{5 (4)}) (*sc.* with a gift), *that I should repay* (it)? (so **Ⲳ**, RV.); and the verse is alluded to in this sense in Rom. 11³⁵ *ἢ τίς προέδωκεν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἀνταποδοθήσεται αὐτῷ*; This would be an indirect way of saying that no one has any claim against God, or ground of complaint against Him, such as Job had raised: man has given God nothing, so He owes no man anything. But the manner in which the thought that God owes no man anything is introduced, and the application made of it to the question what God owes man *morally*, are both improbable. For the form of sentence emended as above, see 9⁴; for **ⲏⲣⲥⲃ** in a hostile sense, Am. 9¹⁰ †, and more usually **ⲏⲣⲥⲃ**, Is. 37³³, Ps. 18^{6. 19}.—**b.** "(EVV. Whatsoever is) under the whole heaven is mine"; this is, of course, true in itself (Ps. 50^{10ff.}), and would perfectly agree with ^a, as read in **ⲡⲏ**; but unfortunately there is no word in the Heb. for *Whatsoever*. The clause can only be rendered, "Under all the heaven it (*or* he) is mine." "It" has no antecedent: "he" is adopted by Bu., with the meaning, he (*i.e.* whoever under the whole heaven thus confronted me) is mine, cannot escape me. On the emended text followed above see phil. nn. p. 335 f.

12-34. (4 26). Description in detail of the bodily structure of the crocodile, and of the formidable powers with which it is endowed.

12. (4). The v. appears to be corrupt (see phil. nn.), and

- 12 (4) I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
 Or the account of ¹his¹ might, or the ¹strength¹ of his build.
 13 (5) Who hath (ever) stripped off his outward garment?
 Within his double ¹coat-of-mail¹ who can come?
 14 (6) Who hath opened the doors of his face?
 Round about his teeth is terror.

may perhaps in its original form have expressed a meaning radically different from the above, possibly in ^a naming the crocodile. Me., placing ^{9 12} before 38¹, renders, I will not silently tolerate his (Job's) prattlings (11³) and the word of pride and his artificial (*künstliche*) speeches: Du., placing ⁹⁻¹² after 40²⁴, renders, He (the assailant of behemoth) would never (again after a single conflict) renew his boastings, or his talk about valiant deeds and his practical outfit. But these renderings, though they involve no more extensive emendations than that given in the text above, strain the meaning of some of the words (see phil. nn.). It is unwise to use this v. to depreciate the literary skill of the author of the following description; this certainly does not reveal the same kind of genius as the brief descriptions in c. 39, but it is in its own way vivid and vigorous; in order to appreciate c. 39, it is unnecessary to depreciate 41^{12ff.}.—*Strength*] reading חֵל (of physical strength, as 21⁷, Ps. 18^{33. 40 (32. 39) 33¹⁷}); חֵל, perhaps, *grace* (see phil. n.); but the crocodile is not exactly remarkable for its gracefulness; and the point here is not the animal's comeliness, but its formidable character.—*Build*] lit. *arrangement*; see phil. n.

13 (5). *Stripped off*] גָּלָה as Is. 22⁸ (n.) 47².—*His outward garment*] the animal's scales.—*His double coat-of-mail*] i.e. the animal's scales (cp. *EBi.* i. 605) and hide: so G Wr. Du. Be. חֵל "his double *bridle*," which is interpreted as meaning his upper and lower jaws, each furnished with a powerful array of teeth. But "bridle" would be a strange term to use of either the jaws or the rows of teeth.

14 (6). *The doors of his face*] i.e. his upper and lower jaws.—b. The teeth of the crocodile, "in the upper jaw usually 36, in the lower 20, long and pointed, are the more formidable to look at, as there are no lips to cover them" (Di.).

15-17 (7-9). His armour of scales.

- ¹⁵ (7) [†] His back [†] is (made of) channels of shields,
 (Each) shut up closely, (as) a compressed seal.
¹⁶ (8) One is so near to another,
 That no air can come between them.
¹⁷ (9) They take hold of one another;
 They stick together, that they cannot be sundered.
¹⁸ (10) His sneezings flash forth light,
 And his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.

15 (7). *His back is channels of shields*] The creature's scales are called fig. "shields"; each scale of the crocodile is a hard, horny, rectangular plate; they extend in rows along the animal's back, forming a strong protective covering, and the "channels" (⁶¹⁵ ⁴⁰¹⁸) are the spaces between these rows found by their sides (see the illus. in Wood's *Reptilia*, p. 29). The term "shields" is appropriate. "The plates which cover the skin of the crocodile are of exceeding hardness, so hard, indeed, that they are employed as armour by some ingenious warriors. A coat of natural scale armour formed from the crocodile skin may be seen in the British Museum" (*ib.*). And even modern zoologists call the scales "scutes" (i.e. *scuta*, shields); see the quotation given on v.²³.—**b.** The scales are firmly attached to the body: each is like a seal pressed tightly against the underlying surface. A seal, in the ancient East, was made of clay, sealed while it was soft, and hardened afterwards by burning. The rows of scales are like rows of seals, each of the same rectangular shape, and each pressed down firmly against the skin.

16-17 (8-9). How firmly the scales are attached to one another; no air can enter between them, and they are inseparable from each other.

18 (10a). The spray breathed through his nostrils, as he sneezes, flashes in the sunlight. The crocodile often lies, with its mouth open—looking towards the sun; and hence its tendency to sneeze. Cf. Strabo, xvii.: *ἡλιάζονται κεχηνότες*, and Ælian, *Hist.* iii. 11: *Ἐπὶ τὴν ὄχθην προελθὼν κατὰ τῆς ἀκτίνος κέχηνεν*, cited by Boch. *Hieros.* lib. v. c. 17.—**b.** *Like the eyelids of the dawn* (³⁹)] The allusion is apparently (Di.) to the reddish eyes of the crocodile, which appear gleaming through the water before the head appears above the surface. In the Egyptian hieroglyphics the dawn is denoted by the crocodile's

- 19 (11) Out of his mouth go burning torches,
 (And) sparks of fire leap forth.
 20 (12) Out of his nostrils a smoke cometh forth,
 As of a boiling pot and rushes.
 21 (13) His breath setteth coals ablaze,
 And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.
 22 (14) In his neck abideth strength,
 And before him danceth dismay.

eyes: Bochart cites Horus, *Hieroglyph.* i. 65: 'Ανατολήν λέγοντες, δύο ὀφθαλμούς κροκοδείλου ζωγραφοῦσιν ἐπειδήπερ (lege ἐπειδὴ πρὸ) παντὸς σώματος ζώου οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἐκ τοῦ βυθοῦ ἀναφαίνονται.

19-21 (11-13). A hyperbolical description of the spray, which, as the monster rises above the water after a long submergence, is expelled with some vehemence when its pent-up breath is released, and sparkles in the sunlight.

20 (12). *As of a boiling pot, and rushes* (²(40²⁶)).—The monster's breath is compared to steam issuing forth from a boiling pot, intermingled (if the text is correct) with the smoke of the rushes used as fuel and burning beneath it. But we should perhaps rather read: *as of a pot blown upon and boiling*, i.e. brought to the boil upon the fire: Wycliffe (after V) "as of a pot set on the fier and boilynge." *Smoke* must here be what we should call *steam*.

21 (13). The drops of spray, flashing in the sunlight, are compared to sparks thrown out by burning coal, and the stream of spray itself to a flame of fire.

22 (14a). The neck, mentioned between the conspicuous features in the head (¹⁸⁻²¹) and the body (^{23, 30}, originally, perhaps, consecutive vv.: see on ³⁰⁻³²), is inconspicuous in the crocodile (see Bochart); and so here no description is given of its outward appearance.—*Before him*, etc.] cp. Hab. 3⁵.—*Danceth dismay*] a beautiful and expressive figure, denoting the consternation which his approach occasions, which it is an injustice to the poet to emend away—especially into questionable Hebrew (see phil. n.). Boch. quotes Hes., after the description of the chariot of Ares, παρὰ δὲ δειμός τε φόρος τε Ἔστασαν, ἰέμενοι πόλεμον καταδύμεναι ἀνδρῶν.

23 (15). Even the "flakes," lit. *falling*, i.e. pendulous,

- 23 (15) The flakes of his flesh are joined together,
 (The whole) firm upon him (and) unmoveable.
 24 (16) His heart is as firm as a stone;
 Yea, firm as the nether millstone.
 25 (17) At his uprising the mighty are in dread:
 By reason of consternation they are beside themselves.

parts of his body, under the neck and belly, which in most animals are soft, are in the crocodile firm and hard. "The skin of the *whole* body is scaly, with a hard, horny, waterproof covering of the epidermis, but between these mostly flat scales the skin is soft. The scutes or dermal portions of the scales are more or less ossified, especially on the back, and form the characteristic dermal armour" (*Encycl. Brit.* vii. 478^a).

24 (16). *His heart is as firm as a stone*.—"The firmness" meant is not merely physical firmness, but the staunch moral firmness, as shown in undaunted courage, of which the physical strength and firmness of the heart were often regarded by the ancients as the foundation: cp. how חֲזָק and נָחַץ, each meaning to be *strong* or *firm*, are regularly applied to the heart to denote courage (e.g. Ps. 27¹⁴ "let thine heart be *strong*," i.e. *courageous*). Boch. (*op. cit.*) quotes from Elmacinus' *History of the Saracens*, the statement that after a certain warrior was dead, his heart was cut out, and found to be as "hard and compact as a stone."—*The nether millstone*] the Eastern domestic handmill used for preparing corn for daily use. consisted, as it consists still, of two circular stones, each about 18 inches in diameter, the lower one resting upon the ground, and the upper one having a hole in the centre to admit the corn being turned round upon it by a woman (Ex. 11⁵), or sometimes (Mt. 24⁴¹) by two women. The lower stone is always heavier, and often made of harder material, than the upper stone (cf. Jg. 9⁵³).

25 (17). When the monster prepares himself to fight, the bravest are in consternation.—*The mighty*] or *the gods*.—*By reason of consternation they*] the Hebr. is very questionable (see phil. n.); perhaps we should read *and at his teeth mighty men*: for this and other suggestions see phil. n.

26-29 (18-21). Every weapon the monster defies.

- 26 (18) Though the sword reach him, it doth not hold,
Nor the spear, the dart, nor the pointed shaft.
27 (19) He counteth iron as straw,
(And) bronze as rotten wood.
28 (20) The arrow cannot make him flee :
Slingstones are turned for him into stubble.
29 (21) A club ^r is ^l counted as a ^r reed ^l ;
And he laugheth at the rushing of the javelin.
30 (22) Beneath him are the sharpest potsherds :
He spreadeth (as it were) a threshing-drag upon the mud.

26 (18). *The dart, nor the pointed shaft*] the Heb. is uncertain: see phil. n.

28 (20). *Arrow*] Heb. *son of the bow*: cf. La. 3¹³ בני אשפה, sons of the quiver; and above, on 5⁷.—*Slingstones*] cf. Zec. 9¹⁵; also Jg. 20¹⁶ (cf. 1 Ch. 12²), 1 S. 17^{40. 49f. 25²⁹}. "The sling is a simple and, with practice, effective weapon, still in frequent use in Syria, Egypt (where I have seen it used myself), and Arabia. Cf. *EBi.* iv. 4659" (Dr.).

29 (21). *A reed*] ³¹ "stubble," as 28 (20). The reed is a fig. of weakness: Is. 36⁶, Ezk. 29⁶.—*Laugheth*] cf. 39^{7. 18. 22}.

30-32 (22-24). Description of the underpart of his body (30), and of his progress through the water (31f.). The verses would be more in their place after 24 (16), while conversely vv. 33f. (25f.) would more suitably be immediately preceded by the description of the invincibility of the animal in vv. 25-29 (17-21): possibly they have become accidentally misplaced. They are omitted by S; but that is no sufficient reason for questioning their originality.

30 (22). *Beneath him*] i.e. on the underpart of his body.—The allusion is to the scales of the belly, which, though less hard than those on the back (cf. on 15), are still sharp, particularly those under the tail, so that, when the animal has been lying in the mud by the river-bank, they leave an impression upon it as if a sharp threshing-drag had been there. The same comparison to potsherds, at least of the scales of the back, is made by Ælian, *Hist.* x. 24 (cited by Boch.): Τα νῶτα δὲ πέφυκε καὶ τὴν οὐρὰν ἄρρηκτος, λεπίσσι μὲν γάρ τε καὶ φολίσσι πεφρακται, καὶ ὡς ἂν εἴποι τις ὄπλισται, καὶ εἰκόασιν ὅς τράκοις καρτεροῖς. The *threshing-drag* no doubt resembled the one, usually about 7 ft. long by 5 ft. broad, still in use in

⁸¹ (23) He maketh the deep to boil like a (perfume-) pan :

The sea he maketh like (seething) perfume.

⁸² (24) Behind him he maketh a path to shine ;

One would think the deep to be hoary.

Syria, consisting of two oblong planks, fastened together by two wooden cross-pieces, slightly curved upwards in front (in the direction in which the instrument would be drawn), and set underneath crosswise with sharp pieces of hard stone or basalt : the driver stands upon it ; and being drawn round the threshing-floor by oxen, it shells out the grain, and cuts up the straw into chaff. It is referred to in the OT. by the same name *hārūš* or *hārīš* (something "sharpened") in 2 S. 12³¹, Am. 1³, Is. 28^{27a}, and under the name *mōrāg* in 2 S. 24²², Is. 41¹⁵ "Behold, I will make thee (Israel) as a *sharp new threshing-sledge*, possessing edges." See, further, Driver, *Joel and Amos*, p. 227 f. (where an illustration is given). The rendering (EVV.) "threshing-wain" (i.e. *wagon*) is unfortunate ; for it does not at all suggest what the implement was like : the "threshing-wagon" itself (Is. 28^{27b}) being, moreover, of entirely different construction.

31-32 (23-24). The froth and foam which he stirs up, as he rushes through the stream, and lashes the water with his tail ; and the shining track of white bubbles which he leaves behind him.

31 (23). *A (perfume-) pan*] i.e. a pan, or pot—"pan" is merely adopted for the sake of variety in the English such as there is in the Heb., in this v. as compared with v. 12 (20)—in which oil and other ingredients, being boiled together to produce an unguent or perfume (v. ^b), yielded a white frothy foam : פֶּחַיָּ and its derivatives include the ideas of *unguent*, *perfume*, and *spice* (Ca. 8², of spices mixed with wine). The "ointment" (EVV.) ^b, or perfume, of ^b must be thought of as a boiling *liquid*. Cf. Ex. 30²⁵ (of the holy anointing oil, made of myrrh, cinnamon, aromatic reed, cassia, and olive oil), "a perfume of perfumery, the work of the perfumer," and 30³⁵ (of the incense, compounded of spices, myrrh-oil, onycha, galbanum, and frankincense) : also 1 S. 8¹³ female perfumers (or perfume-makers), Is. 57⁹ thy *perfumeries* or *unguents*. In his choice

⁸³ (25) Upon earth there is not his like,—
That is made without fear.

⁸⁴ (26) Every thing that is high ¹ feareth him ¹:
He is king over all the sons of pride.

XLII. ¹ And Job answered Yahweh and said,

² I know that thou art omnipotent,

And that no plan is impossible for thee.

of this particular figure for the *appearance* of the water after being lashed by the crocodile, the writer may have been influenced by the musk-like smell of the crocodile which, as Bochart showed, was frequently and widely observed.—*The sea*] *i.e.* the Nile (as Is. 19⁵, Nah. 3⁸), still called by the Arabs *el-Bahr*, *i.e.* the sea.

32 (24). *Hoary*] חָפְזִי, as 1 K. 2⁶. 9 al. Hrzs. compares *Il.* i. 350, Θῖν' ἔφ' ἄλως πολιῆς, and *Od.* iv. 405 (of seals) . . . πολιῆς ἄλως ἐξανδύσαι.

33f. (25f.). He has no rival, he fears no one and nothing, he is king over all proud beasts upon the earth.

33 (25). *That is made*, etc., the antecedent to “that” is not, of course, *his like*, but the pronoun to be elicited from “his.” “He that is made without fear” would be clearer: but unfortunately it would also, as English, be ungrammatical.

34 (26). *ff* has, “Everything that is high he seeth,” viz. unconcerned and unmoved: but the thought is weakly expressed; and Gu.’s emendation, while changing little, yields a much more forcible sense.—*The son of pride*] *i.e.* other proud beasts: so 28⁸.

XLII. 1-6. In the present state of the text, ²⁻⁶ contain Job’s reply to Yahweh’s *second* speech (40⁷-41³⁴), ¹ being the ordinary introductory formula; but originally, as it would seem, ²⁻⁶ formed the conclusion (immediately following 40⁴. 5) of Job’s reply to Yahweh’s *only* speech. See on 40^{4f.} and ⁶ (p. 348f.).

2. Job acknowledges that God can achieve all that He plans, and that He plans knowing that He can do all things.—*Is impossible for*] lit. *is cut off from*: see phil. n.

3. a. b = 38², a marginal note. Dr. (*Book of Job*), treating it as an integral part of the text, remarks: “understand here, *Thou didst say truly*. Job repeats the question addressed to him

- ³ Who is this that hideth the purpose (of God),
^r With words (spoken) ¹ without knowledge?

Therefore I have declared, without understanding
 Things too wonderful for me, without knowing.

- ⁴ Hear, I pray thee, and *I* will speak;
 I will ask thee, and do thou inform me.

- ⁵ By the hearing of the ear I had heard of thee,
 But now mine eye hath seen thee.

in 38², for the purpose of admitting (lines 2 and 3 [= c. d above]) the justice of the rebuke implied in it."—c. Cp. 38^{1b}. 18.
 d. Cp. Ps. 139⁶.

4. Cp. 21^{2f}. 33³¹; b = 38^{3b}. Like 3a. b the v. is probably a marginal note; otherwise Dr.: "Job repeats, in line 1, the substance [merely abandoning the figure of battle, Di.], and in line 2 the actual words of God's challenge to him in 38³ (= 40⁷), prior to confessing (v.⁵) his inability to meet it, and retracting (v.⁶) his former presumptuous utterances."

5. In speaking of the wonderful ways of God (³) on the ground of what he had heard about God, Job now realizes that he had spoken unwisely and ignorantly; for there has now come to him through vision intimate first-hand personal knowledge of God, which does not indeed clear up for him all mysteries, but does show him that, if they are mysteries, they are the mysteries of one in the vision of whom there is peace and blessedness. Vision is here contrasted as direct personal experience of what a person is and does with hearing as knowledge at second-hand, knowledge of some other's experience or report of that person, knowledge which, even if not mingled with error, as was the traditional doctrine of God, which had been passed on to Job, must at best be blurred and indistinct; for the contrast, cp. 28^{21f}, Ps. 48⁹ (the stories of the fathers about God (cp. Ps. 44²) verified by the direct sight, *i.e.* experience, of the present generation). The vision spoken of is not the sight of any form or appearance of God; for there is no indication that Job is conceived as having seen such, and, moreover, the sight of an appearance or outward form is just as far as hearing from giving direct, intimate, true knowledge (cp. Is. 11³, 1 S. 16⁷). What Job has seen, *i.e.* experienced,

⁶ Wherefore I repudiate (what I had said),
And repent, (sitting) upon dust and ashes.

⁷ And it came to pass after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My anger is hot against thee, and against thy two friends, because ye have not spoken concerning me what is right, as my servant Job

is just what he had wished to see (19³⁷), viz. that God is not against him or estranged from him; and his wish has been more than fulfilled, for the vision has come to him before death.

6. The v. is probably corrupt, the words *I repudiate and repent* being uncertain and ambiguous (see phil. n.); and the phrasing of the v. rather tame and unsatisfactory.—*Upon dust and ashes*] 2^s: the clause, if *repent* is rightly read, enforces Job's grief and penitence; cp. Is. 58⁵, "Is this the fast that I choose . . . that (a man) should spread ashes": Jon. 3⁶, "And the king of Nineveh . . . covered himself with sackcloth and sat on ashes."

7-17. The Epilogue recording (1) Yahweh's condemnation of the three friends, whom He exempts from the punishment due to their wrong speech about Him after, at His direction, they have obtained Job's intercession on their behalf; and (2) the restoration of Job to more than his former prosperity. If the whole of the Epilogue and Prologue are from one hand, that hand had lost its cunning before it reached the Epilogue; the repetition in ^{8b} of the clause in ^{7b} may indeed be a mere textual accident: if not, it is very different in character from the repetitions in the Prologue; but the contrast comes out more strongly in the absence of concentration and compression which contributes so largely to the effect of the Prologue. We may note especially the irrelevant particularity which gives the names of Job's three daughters, and the detail as to their inheritance (14. 15); and the detailed explanation in ^{12b} of the general statement in ^{10b}.

7a. The last words spoken were Job's not Yahweh's, but the writer wishes to define the order in which Yahweh addresses Job and his friends, and so he refers to Yahweh's last words. —*Yahweh said to Eliphaz*] apparently not while Eliphaz was in

hath. ⁸ And now, take you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up a burnt-offering on behalf of yourselves, and let my servant Job pray for you; for him will I accept that I deal not mercilessly with you; because ye have not spoken concerning me what is right, as my servant Job hath. ⁹ And Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Sophar the Na'amathite went, and did as Yahweh had said unto them. And Yahweh accepted Job.

¹⁰ And Yahweh changed Job's fortunes, when he prayed on behalf of his friends: and Yahweh increased all that Job had

Job's presence, for it is necessary for Eliphaz and his friends to go to Job (⁸), but, perhaps, when alone and by night (Bu.); cp. 4¹³.—*Concerning me*] not *to me* (Bu.), for the friends had spoken *to* not God, but Job. God confirms (cp. 16²¹) the truth in general of Job's account of His ways and condemns as false that of the friends.—*What is right*] *i.e.* true, certain (נכונה, cp. Ps. 5¹⁰, Dt. 13¹⁵, 1 S. 23²³).

8. The sin of the friends having been great must be expiated by an exceptionally large burnt-offering, and even so the offering must be reinforced by the prayer of one who has proved himself an exceptionally steadfast servant of Yahweh.—*Him will I accept*] lit. *his face will I lift up*: cp. 13⁸ n.—*Seven bullocks and seven rams*] in Nu. 23 f. Balaam offers on seven different altars seven bullocks and seven rams in all; Ezekiel required as burnt-offerings for the entire people (Ezk. 45²²⁻²⁵) seven bullocks and seven rams daily during the two great annual festivals; but the expiatory sacrifices required by the law from individuals were much smaller (Lv. 4).—*A burnt-offering*] see n. on 1⁵.—*And let Job pray for thee*, etc.] cp. Gn. 20⁷, Nu. 21⁷, 1 S. 7^{5f.}.—*That I deal not mercilessly with you*] “(lit. do no *nebalāh* to you, do nothing regardless of your feelings or claims: see on 2¹⁰), *i.e.* lest I punish you without compunction or regret . . . of course, the expression implies an anthropomorphism” (Dr.).

10. *Changed Job's fortunes*] lit., according to the view taken of the etymology of the noun *brought back the captives of Job* (see especially Preuschen in ZATW, 1895, 1 ff.) or *turned the*

two-fold. ¹¹ And all his brethren and all his sisters and all who formerly knew him came and ate bread with him in his house; and they showed their grief for him, and comforted him for all the evil which Yahweh had brought upon him; and they gave him each a *ḳesitah* and each a ring of gold. ¹² And Yahweh blest the last part of Job's life more than the first part: and so he came to have fourteen thousand sheep and goats, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. ¹³ And he had seven sons and three daughters:

turning of Job (Ew. al.); see phil. n.—*When he prayed on behalf of his friends*] probably Hi. was right in surmising that the clause originally stood at the end of ⁹ (cp. ⁸). In its present position it has been variously understood as defining the time (Di.), or the ground, of the change in Job's fortunes; in the latter case render *because he prayed*, etc., and cp. Is. 53¹². ¶ And when he prayed for the friends, he forgave them their sin: but between the first and third clauses of the v. this is not likely to be the true reading.—b. Explicated in detail in ¹².—*Increased*] strictly, as Du. points out, *gave back* is required: RV. eases the sentence by inserting "before" after *had*.

II. Job's kinsmen and acquaintance, who had kept away during his illness and poverty (19^{13ff.}), now that he is restored (¹⁰) to health and wealth, visit him, and express their sorrow for the troubles now past, accept his hospitality, and give him presents such as were customarily given by visitors.—*Showed their grief*] ²¹¹ n.—*A ḳesitah*] a piece of money mentioned elsewhere only in JE (Gn. 33¹⁹, Jos. 24³²), and introduced here, perhaps, as a mark of the patriarchal age. The *ḳesitah* was presumably of no great value, since Abraham gave a hundred *ḳesitahs* for a piece of ground; speculations on the curious rendering *lamb* by ¶ and on the etymology may be found in *EBi.*, s.v. *Ḳesitah* and Levy, *NHWP* iv. 396.—*A ring*] such as was worn (by women) on the nose (Gn. 24⁴⁷, Is. 3²¹), or (by men) especially among the Bedawin (Jg. 8²⁴), in the ear (Gn. 35⁴).

12a. Cp. 8⁷.—b. Cp. 1³; the numbers of the cattle are exactly double (cp. ¹⁰) of those there given of Job's earlier

¹⁴ and he named the first (daughter) Jemimah, the second Kešî'ah, and the third Keren-happuch; ¹⁵ and women as fair as the daughters of Job were not to be found in all the earth: and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. ¹⁶ And Job lived after this a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, (even) four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died old and full of days.

possessions; the servants of which no exact number is given in ¹³ are here not mentioned: and the children (¹³) are the same in number, not twice as many, as formerly (¹²).

14. The names appear to have been chosen to correspond to the beauty or charms of the bearers of them; *Jemimah* probably means dove (cp. Ca. 2¹⁴ 5² 6⁹) or little dove; *Kešî'ah*, a powdered fragrant bark, prized for its scent (Ps. 45⁸), and *Keren-happuch*, horn, i.e. flask (1 S. 16¹, 1 K. 1³⁹), of antimony, a black mineral powder used (2 K. 9³⁰, Jer. 4³⁰), and still used, by women in the East, to darken the edges of the eyelids and so increase by contrast the lustre of the eye.

15b. According to Nu. 27⁸ (P) the daughters of a Jewish father only inherited when there were no sons; the statement may be a remnant of a fuller story about Job's daughters (Du.), and the reason for it is best left undetermined: Hi. Bu. al. see in it proof of Job's wealth and fatherly regard, Di. a provision for allowing the daughters after marriage to continue to live among their brothers—a parallel trait to ¹⁴.

16. According to G, Job lived after his restoration to prosperity 170 years, and in all 240, i.e. he was 70 years old at the time of his trial; this last point may belong to the tradition on which the Epilogue draws: then assuming the *one hundred and forty* of H to be correct, he not only enjoyed double prosperity (¹⁰), but enjoyed it for double as long.

16. *And Job lived after*] Gn. 5⁷ (P). — b. Cp. Gn. 50²³, Ps. 81.

17. Cp. Gn. 25⁸ 35²⁹ (P). On the longer conclusion in G which records that Job will share in the future resurrection from the dead, see Introd. § 45. 48, and *Exp.* 1920 (June), 428 ff.

PART II.

PHILOLOGICAL NOTES.

CHAPTER I.

1. איש היה] The story begins with the subject prefixed and without the copula, precisely as Nathan's story in 2 S. 12¹ שני אנשים היו. Ct. . . . יהי at the commencement of the books of Jos., Jg., Sam., and also of Ezk., Ru., Est. See Kön. iii. 365g, and Paton's note on Est. 1¹.

איש] E^B ἀνθρωπός τις, S איש אחד. It is unnecessary to infer that H originally read איש אחד; this would, indeed, be thoroughly idiomatic (see Dr. on 1 S. 1¹); but such an expression of indetermination is relatively rare (G-K. 125b).

ויהיה] not merely equal to, nor a colloquialism (Du.) for, יהי; nor should we infer from S יסב that H originally read חיה איש תם; but ויהיה is *frequentative* (cf. Dr. § 120): Job's character is indicated by reference to qualities repeatedly manifested.

תם וישר] so 1⁸ 2³ H . E^A in all three passages ἄμεμπτος, δίκαιος, ἀληθινός; ^B in 1¹ ἀληθινός, ἄμεμπτος, δίκαιος, in 1⁸ ἄμεμπτος, ἀληθινός, in 2³ ἄκακος, ἀληθινός, ἄμεμπτος. The original text of E was probably in all three places ἄμεμπτος, ἀληθινός; δίκαιος will then be a doublet of ἀληθινός, ἄκακος of ἄμεμπτος. Beer, indeed, suggests that E originally rendered the single Hebrew word תם by two Greek words, ἀληθινός, ἄμεμπτος, and compares רננה = εὐφροσύνη . . . χαρμονή, 3^{7b}, and נפלאות = ἐνδοξία τε καὶ ἐξαίσιος, 5^{9b}; but this fails to explain the *variations* of E , and is not favoured by equivalences elsewhere in the book; ἀληθινός renders ישר in 4⁷ 8⁶ 6²⁵ 17⁸, but never תם, and outside Job ἀλ. = תם only in Dt. 32⁴; ἄμεμπτος = תם or תמים in 9²⁰ 12⁴, but never = ישר.

"*Ἀκακος* occurs only thrice in Job—in 8²⁰ = תם, 36⁵ a repetition in ⚭ of 8²⁰ (⚭ *aliter*), and in 2^{3B}; *δίκαιος* nowhere renders either תמים or ישר in Job, though elsewhere it very occasionally renders both these words.

וירא] read ירא as in 1⁸ 2³: so here also 2 MSS ^{Ken.} and ⚭; ⚭ cannot be cited. Each member of the two pairs was copulated, the pairs themselves uncopulated.

2. ויולדו] and so (Dr. § 74) *there were born*: the waw consecutive is fittingly used: piety is followed by the gift of God (Ps. 127³)—many children, and most of them sons.

3. וייהי] again the waw consecutive: at a later stage in life (cf. ויהי לו in Gn. 26¹⁴ after v.¹³) his cattle *came to be*, or amounted to, 7000, etc.

עבדה] Gn. 26¹⁴ †. עבדה is a collective—an alternative expression (Gn. 26¹⁴) for עבדים (Gn. 12¹⁶). Cf. פקדה (|| to the *pl.* נגישין) in Is. 60¹⁷ (RV. "officers"), and perhaps נבורה (|| to *pl.* מהין) in Is. 3²⁵. Cf. F. E. C. Dietrich, *Abh. z. hebr. Gram.* 84; C. Brockelmann, *Grundriss d. Gram. d. sem. Sprachen*, i. 228c.

עבדה רבה מאד] is doubly rendered in ⚭: (1) καὶ ὑπηρεσία πολλὰ σφόδρα; (2) καὶ ἔργα μεγάλα ἦν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. Beer suggests that (1) is ⚭, (2) Theodotion, and that ἐπὶ τ. γ. arises from מאד בה read בארמה.

גדול מכל] *greater than any*: see BDB. 482a.

4. ויהלכו . . . ועשו . . . ושלחו . . . וקראו] frequentatives. In v.^{5a} the simple narrative imperfect consecutives are used, the frequentatives reappearing in v.^{5b} (. . . והשכים . . . יעשה . . . והעלה): see Dr. § 114 β, 120.

ויהלכו . . . ועשו משתה בית איש יומו] this is sometimes cited as an example of the use of הלך as a mere introductory word (cf. BDB. 233b bottom, and 234a middle; Ges.-B. 180a top); so Du., *e.g.*, renders ויהלכו, *sie sind zu Werk gegangen*, and Bu. gives no definite translation of it. Dr. on Dt. 31¹ disputes such an explanation of הלך either here or in several other alleged instances. The question, so far as this passage is concerned, turns on three other considerations: (1) the meaning of עשה משתה; (2) the originality of בית; and, if בית belonged to the original text, (3) the meaning

and construction of בית איש יומו. As to (1): in this passage, but in this passage alone, it is customary to render עשה משחה, *to hold a feast* (so, e.g., RV.); but this is really illegitimate; the phrase occurs frequently, meaning not to *hold*, or *participate in*, but always to *give*, or *furnish*, a banquet (RV. *make a feast*); see Gn. 19³ 21⁸ 26³⁰ 29²² 40²⁰, Jg. 14¹⁰, 2 S. 3²⁰, 1 K. 3¹⁵, Est. 1³. 5. 9 21⁸ 5⁴. 5. 8. 12 6¹⁴, Is. 25⁶. To *keep a feast*, had this been intended here, would have been differently expressed; note especially להם המשתה, Jg. 14¹⁷ (ct. v.¹⁰), and see also 1 S. 25³⁶, Est. 8¹⁷. The phrase עשה חג (RV. *to keep the feast*; see, e.g., Ex. 34²², Dt. 16¹⁰), to which Hitz. appealed for rendering *held a feast* here, is really quite different; the חג *included* (sacrificial) meals, but also much more; and in so far as the phrase עשה חג refers to the meal, it refers at least as much to the provision of it as to the participation in it. (2) If בית be omitted the construction is simple: *his sons used to give a banquet, each on his day*; but in this case no real force can be allowed to והלכו, for the one who gave the feast presumably remained in his own house. Sieg. and, doubtfully, Beer omit בית: and the latter appeals to Ⓔ; but בית is possibly, not to say certainly, expressed in συμπορευόμεναι πρὸς ἀλλήλους (Bu.). In any case בית should be retained. (3) On possible explanations of בית איש יומו, cf. G-K. 139c: it might mean *in the house* (acc. of place, G-K. 118g) *of*, i.e., appointed for, *the day of each* (so Dr. in an apparently early MS). But this is awkward, and also incompatible with giving to הלכו its full sense of *went*. It looks as though by a breviloquence two sentences have been telescoped into one, והלכו בניו בית איש יומו ועשו משחה איש יומו: *his sons used to go to the house of each on his day, and they used, each on his day, to give a banquet*. This view is substantially that represented by Ⓔ. For יומו, acc. of time, see G-K. 118z.

שלשת MS^{Ken.} 157 reads שלש; at best this would scarcely be more than an accidental coincidence with the original text: but it is doubtful whether the original must have read שלש (yet see v.²); for the fem. form of the numeral before fem. nouns, see Gn. 7¹³ and G-K. 97c.

5. [הקיפו] cf. ינקפו, pointed as Kal, in Is. 29¹. It is

or נדף stood in the original text, and ברך was subsequently substituted for it in the five passages in question. As between these alternatives the decision is not easy; Beer, indeed, who cites the evidence very fully (pp. 2-5), argues that there are traces of a text in which ברך had not yet ejected a word of opposite meaning. But the argument is less conclusive than he and Bu. think. For there are no Hebrew variants, and in Versions *curse* or the like might be either an *interpretation* of ברך or a *translation* of קלל: for example, in all six places S uses קלל, *to curse*; but this may simply be a correct interpretation of ברך which stood then as it stands now in the text, and need not imply that S, both in Kings and in Job, rests on a text which still had קלל and not yet ברך. Similarly we cannot safely infer that T had a mixed text: ברך in Job 2⁹, where it renders by בריך; but קלל or the like in Job 1⁵. 11 2⁵, where it renders by ארגז, *to provoke to anger*, and in 1 K. 21¹⁰. 13, where it renders by נדף, *to revile*. The evidence both for the original text and for the significance of E is more conflicting. In 1 K. 21¹⁰. 13 the rendering is εὐλογεῖν, with the addition as a scholion on v.¹⁰ in MS 55 (H. and P.), ἥτοι κεκακολόγηκας (see Field). In the five places in Job the renderings vary: in 1¹¹ 2⁵ εὐλογεῖν is used, but Chrys. (H. and P.) cites 1¹¹ with the substitution of βλασφημήσει for εὐλογήσει, and Ambros. adds to *benedicat* the note, “non enim ausus est dicere, maledicat, sed hoc intelligendum reliquit.” In 2⁵ Field cites from Cod. Reg., ὁ Ἐβραῖος . . . βλασφημήσει, and from 161 the scholion τὸ εὐλογήσει ἀντὶ τοῦ ὑβρίσει ὁ γοῦν Ἐβραῖος σαφῶς βλασφημήσει ἔχει. Either these few testimonies show that the original reading of E was βλασφημήσει, and of the Hebrew קלל or the like, and that the εὐλογήσει of the vast majority of the witnesses to E is derived from Aq., or the original reading was εὐλογήσει, for which here and there the *interpretation* βλασφημήσει was substituted in the text instead of being simply attached to the text as in the note cited above. In 1⁵ and 2⁹ the rendering, whatever the Hebrew text was, is not literal: in 1⁵ for ברכו בלבבם . . . חטאו, E has ἐν τῇ διανοίᾳ αὐτῶν κακὰ ἐνενόησαν πρός; in 2⁹ for ברך it has εἰπόν τι ῥῆμα εἰς; in

Cod. Colb. (Field) stands the note διπλῇ γραφῇ· εὐλόγησον θεόν; in Cod. 161, 248 (H. and P.) on the marg. ἄλλος· κατάρσασαι τὸν θεόν. Beer argues that in 1⁵ Ⓔ renders the two verbs by one phrase because the translator wished to soften a text which contained קלל instead of ברך. But if the original text of Ⓔ contained βλασφημήσει in 1¹¹ 2⁵, there would be no reason for avoiding it in 1⁵; and if εὐλογήσει (= ברך) was the original text in 1¹¹ 2⁵, there is little ground for suspecting that anything but ברכו stood in Ⓔ's Hebrew original in 1⁵, for in a compound expression that was to serve as an equivalent for both חטאו and ברכו the translator might well have allowed himself to be dominated by חטאו. The possibility remains that ברך was a substitute for קלל or the like at a stage in the history of the text prior to the earliest versions. Evidence of similar changes is clear: note, e.g., the insertion of איבי in 1 S. 25²², 2 S. 12¹⁴ (with Driver's notes), and see Geiger, *Urschrift*, p. 267 ff.

כל הימים] *all the days* in question; i.e. whenever (note the frequentative יעשה) a cycle of feast-days came to an end. Commonly כל הימים means *all the time*; so with the *past* (e.g. 1 K. 5¹⁵); or with reference to the future, being then practically = עד עולם (cf. e.g. 1 K. 9³).

6. ויהי היום] so v.¹³ 2¹, 1 S. 1⁴ 14¹, 2 K. 4⁸. 11. 18; see Dr. on 1 S. 1⁴.

על] so 2¹: cf. Zec. 6⁵; for the force of על, see BDB, p. 756a.

7. במשוט] 2² משוט.

8. על] cf. Hag. 1^{5.7}; some MSS read אל; the latter is read in 2³; Ⓔ here κατά, in 2³ the dat. With אל, cf. 34¹⁴ (?), 1 S. 25²⁵.

10. שָׁבַת. The verb is used with different meanings in Hos. 2⁸ and (with ס for ש) in Job 3²³ 38⁸. The root שׁוּך or סוּך is pre-supposed, if we may rely on the *scriptio plena*, by the noun form מסוכה, Mic. 7⁴, and by the vocalization also in מִשְׁכָּה, Pr. 15¹⁹, here, and in Hos. 2⁸ (שָׁבַת, part.). The form וְשָׁבַת, 3²³ 38⁸, might come either from סוּך or סָכַך, while in Is. 5⁵ (מִשְׁכָּחַתוֹ) the consonants and vocalization are at conflict. A few MSS here read סָכַךְ, which would, of course, be from סָכַך.

סו. כַּמִּסָּס + § [ובעד ביתו]

[מעשה] sing. as Hag. 2¹⁴, La. 3⁶⁴; the VV. render by a pl.; but this does not prove that there was a Hebrew reading מעשי (Beer), any more than G's τὰ κτηνῶν below proves that there was a reading מקניהו.

11. [ואולם] in 2⁵ אולם (after נפשו): so here MS ^{Ken.} 17; G ἀλλά (= ואלם, 11⁵ 12⁷).

[נא] ^{Ken.} 102 om.; cf. GS.

[אם לא] either elliptical (*see*) if he will not curse thee, or with strong asseveration (G-K. 149c), *Surely he will curse thee.*

[על פניך] *to thy face* (defiantly); so 6²⁸ 21³¹. In 2⁵ אל-פניך, with variants על-פ'. G in 1¹¹ 2⁵ 6²⁸ εἰς, in 21³¹ ἐπί.

12. [בידך] *in thy hand*, that is, *in thy power*, to do what thou wilt with him; cf. Gn. 16⁶. So 2⁶.

[רק] G ἀλλά; 2⁶ אך, G μόνον.

[אליו אל תשלח ידך] αὐτοῦ μὴ ἄψῃ = אליו אל תגע: cf. v.¹¹ 2⁵. Both idioms are good Hebrew: for H, cf. Ex. 24¹¹.

[מעם פני] *From (being) in the presence of* (cf. Gn. 44²⁹) is, like פני מאת (2⁷), which is also very rare (Ex. 10¹¹, and, followed by a definition of place, Lv. 10⁴, and, somewhat differently, 2 K. 16¹⁴), a more expressive equivalent of מאת or מעם which are commonly used without פני.

13. [אכלים ו'] G om.: with H, cf. vv.⁴ 18.

[אכלים ושתיים] *were eating and drinking*; Dr. § 135 (1); in v.²⁴ the parts. are used with הוי: Dr. *ib.* (5).

[ויין] cf. v.¹⁸; ct. v.⁴. וין is absent from S both here and in v.¹⁸, from G in v.¹⁸; and in H is probably an explanatory addition, though the omission in MS ^{Ken.} 30 in v.¹³, and MSS ^{Ken.} 111, 384 in v.¹⁸, is less probably continuous correct tradition than an accidental return to the original text through a late accidental omission.

14. [ומלאך] καὶ ἰδὸν ἄγγελος = והנה מלאך.

[בא] pf. (and so in vv.¹⁶ 17. 18), not part.: for the cstr. בא ומלאך בא . . . ויהי, cf. Gn. 7¹⁰ 22¹, and see Dr. § 78 (3).

וַיֹּאמֶר ¶ + *avtō*: § (and so in vv.^{16. 17. 18}) גַּם: these are mere amplifications. In ¶ in vv.^{16. 17. 18} the plus is *πρὸς Ἴωβ* (with variants).

חַרְשֹׁת the fem. cannot be very satisfactorily explained. In Gn. 33¹³ milch kine are referred to, and the fem. is natural; here female cattle are not even principally involved. Ct. the masc. part. in 1 Ch. 27²⁹; and note the masculines in § here, לִכְסֵן בְּכֶסֶף תִּסְסֵם קֶלֶן. Bu. suggests that חַרְשֹׁת is due to miscopying חַרְשִׁים under the influence of two following words in וְזֶה; if this were the case, the masc. suffixes in עֲלֵי־דִיהֶם and וְתִקְחֶם would be at once explained: otherwise they must be explained in accordance with G-K. 1350: then cp. חַבְלִיהֶם, 39³ and (after בְּנוֹת) לָהֶם, אֲבִיהֶם and אֲחֵיהֶם in 42¹⁵.

עֲלֵי־דִיהֶם alongside of them; עֲלֵי־י (and also עֲלֵי־י) meaning *by the side(s) of*, is more commonly followed by a geographical term: cf. *e.g.* Nu. 34³ with n. there. For the masc. suffix see last n.; it is improbable that the reading עֲלֵי־י in 5 MSS ^{Ken.} represents the original text.

15. וְתַפַּל fem. with the name of a country used as the name of a people: G-K. 122i. For נָפַל, *to fall upon, attack*, cf. Josh. 11⁷ (with ב); here the personal obj. with פֿ is dispensed with, the expression of the obj. in וְתִקְחֶם sufficing.

וְאִמְלָטָה Dr. § 69; G-K. 49e.

וְאִמְלָטָה [רק אני לבדי] ¶ *ἐγὼ μόνος*, § בְּלִבִּי, and so vv.^{16. 17. 19}. It would be very unwise to infer from these versions that ¶ at any time lacked רק; on the other hand, cf. Gn. 47²⁶, where § also has for לבד . . . רק only בְּלִבִּי.

16. וְזֶה . . . וְזֶה cf. 21^{23. 25}; and also, *e.g.*, Gn. 29²⁷, Ps. 75⁸: and see BDB., *s.v.* וְזֶה, 1^b.

אֵשׁ אֱלֹהִים נִפְלָא מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם [אֵשׁ אֱלֹהִים cf. יהוה, Nu. 11^{1. 3}, 1 K. 18³⁸ (וְתַפַּל אֵשׁ יְיָ וְהִכָּה); with הַשָּׁמַיִם, cf. 2 K. 1^{10. 12a. 14}. With the combination of the two definitions of the lightning-fire found here in ¶, but not in ¶, from which אֱלֹהִים is absent, cf. 2 K. 1^{12b} in most Hebrew MSS (but 11 MSS and also ¶ om. אֱלֹהִים), 1 K. 18³⁸ (¶, but not ¶); see also G.A. 19²⁴ אֵשׁ מֵאֵת יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם. As in 2 K. 1^{12b},

so here the shorter text of $\mathfrak{E}$ may be the original. $\mathfrak{E}^A$ adds $\epsilon\pi\iota\ \tau\eta\ \nu\ \gamma\eta$ —another form of amplification.

בְּנֵעָרִים $\mathfrak{E}$ $\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma\ \tau\omicron\iota\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\alpha\varsigma$ and $\mathfrak{S}$ בְּנֵעָרִים do not point to a variant בְּנֵעָרִים , but are interpretations: and so in v.¹⁹ הַנְּעָרִים is interpreted $\tau\acute{\alpha}\ \tau\alpha\iota\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}\ \sigma\omicron\upsilon$ and בְּנֵעָרִים .

17. כְּשָׂרִים as פְּלִשְׁתִּים generally, so is כְּשָׂרִים often used without the art.; so regularly in אֲוִר־כְּשָׂרִים , but see also, e.g. 2 K. 25^{4f}, Jer. 37¹⁰. $\mathfrak{E}$ $\text{o}\acute{\iota}\ \acute{\iota}\pi\pi\epsilon\lambda\varsigma$ may be an interpretation due to regarding the Chaldæans as cavalry *par excellence* (cf. Hab. 1^{6ff}, Jer. 6²³). In any case such a reading as פְּרָשִׁים would have no claim to acceptance.

רֵאשִׁים (military) *companies*, Jg. 7²⁰ 9³⁴, 1 S. 11¹¹ (with vb. שָׂם as here) 13¹⁷.

$\text{וַיִּשְׁטְנוּ עָלָיו}$ *made a raid upon, fell as plunderers upon*: cf. Jg. 9³³ (44) 20³⁷ (אֶל), where the attack is made from ambush, and 1 S. 27⁸ 30¹ (both אֶל)¹⁴, where the attack is the prelude to plunder. Even if the meaning in the passages cited developed from the root meaning *to strip*, because such an attack was regarded as a *putting off of* (one's shelter), as BDB. suggest (cf. Moore on Jg. 9³³), the sense of emergence from shelter can have been felt very faintly if at all in the passages cited from Sam. or here: cf. also Hos. 7¹ (without עָלָיו).

18. עַד point עַד : it is altogether improbable that the original writer intended עַד in vv.^{16, 17}, but עַד (MT) here, nor very probable that he intended עַד throughout; though for the possibility of this see BDB., s.v. עַד , ii. 2. Some MSS read עוֹד here.

יֵין omit: cf. v.¹³ n.

19. מֵעֵבֶר *from the (far) side of*, expressing much the same idea as, but expressing it less strongly than, our phrase *sweeping across*: cf. Is. 21¹.

וַיִּגַע strictly וַהֲנֵע is required; but see G-K. 145^t, for examples of vbs. more remote from a fem. subj. being masc. For נָנַע of wind, cf. Ezk. 17¹⁰.

הַנְּעָרִים in vv.^{15, 16, 17} of Job's servants (cf. e.g. Nu. 22²², RV. *servants*); here of his children (cf. 29⁵; also, e.g., 1 S. 16¹¹, RV. *thy children*) primarily, though perhaps with the inclusion

of the servants attending them of whom the messenger is the only one to escape. Indeed the repetition here, with a different sense, of the same term that is used in vv.^{15, 16, 17} may be due partly to the fact that it was capable of a more inclusive meaning than בִּנְיָן (v.¹⁸), partly to the desire to maintain the greatest possible verbal similarity in the messages of the four messengers.

20. רָאִישׁוּ] $\text{E}^A + \text{καὶ κατεπάσατο γῆν ἐπὶ τῆς κεφαλῆς αὐτοῦ}$ from 2¹²: cf. a similar but fragmentary addition in Ken.¹⁹⁶, which adds וַיִּרְקוּ before וַיִּפֹּל.

וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה] $\text{E}^{A \text{ al.}} + \tau\acute{\omega} \kappa\upsilon\rho\acute{\iota}\omega$.

21. עָרַם] acc. of the state placed first with emphasis: cf. e.g. Am. 2¹⁶, and see G-K. 118*n*.

יִצְתִּי] for יִצְאָתִי; G-K. 23*f*, 74*k*.

שָׁמָּה] cf. שָׁם in 3^{17, 19}.

יְהוָה] subj. placed first for emphasis.

לָקַח] $\text{E} + \acute{\omega}\varsigma \tau\acute{\omega} \kappa\upsilon\rho\acute{\iota}\omega \acute{\epsilon}\delta\omicron\chi\epsilon\nu \omicron\upsilon\tau\omega\varsigma \acute{\epsilon}\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\tau\omicron$.

22. אֵיּוֹב] $\text{E} + \acute{\epsilon}\nu\alpha\nu\tau\acute{\iota}\omicron\nu \tau\omicron\upsilon \kappa\upsilon\rho\acute{\iota}\omicron\upsilon$ ($\text{E}^{\text{al.}} + \omicron\upsilon\delta\acute{\epsilon} \acute{\epsilon}\nu \tau\omicron\iota\varsigma \chi\epsilon\acute{\iota}\lambda\epsilon\sigma\iota\nu \alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon$); 4 MSS^{Ken.} + בִּשְׁפָתָיו (cf. 2¹⁰). Amplifications.

נָתַן כְּבֹד (תּוֹרָה, עוֹ) [לֹא נָתַן תְּפִלָּה לֹא] the verbal idiom is as in (נָתַן כְּבֹד (תּוֹרָה, עוֹ) [לֹא נָתַן תְּפִלָּה לֹא] (1 S. 6⁵, Jos. 7¹⁹, Ps. 68³⁵), *to give*, i.e. *ascribe, glory (praise, strength) to Yahweh*, i.e. *to acknowledge that Yahweh is glorious, praiseworthy, or strong*; cf. also 1 S. 18³, where *they have given to me thousands* means *they have given Saul credit for having slain thousands*. It is plain from the context that תְּפִלָּה is a quality, or mode of conduct or the like, that is not and ought not to be in God: and the sentence asserts that Job does not discredit God by asserting that he has displayed this quality: in English idiom Job *charged not God with* (RV.) תְּפִלָּה. But what precisely is תְּפִלָּה? We must dismiss the view that it should be pointed תְּפִלָּה, which Ehrlich maintains only by attributing to תְּפִלָּה the unsupported and improbable meaning *protest*. In 24¹², on the other hand, תְּפִלָּה (ס) may be preferred to תְּפִלָּה (MT). The root of תְּפִלָּה must be תָּפַל; apart from תָּפַל in Ezk. 13^{10f}, 14^f, 22²³, which has the same meaning as תָּפַל, *plaister*, and the proper names תָּפַל and אֲחִיתָּפַל, the root appears in the OT. only in the forms

תַּפְלָה here, 24¹² (?), Jer. 23¹³, and תַּפַּל, 6⁶, La. 2¹⁴; in NH. the forms תַּפְלוּת and the denom. vb. also appear (cf. in Aram. the Ithpa.); تَفَلَ occurs with various shades of meaning in Arabic. The fundamental meaning of the Semitic root seems to have been *to be savourless* (through the loss of savour); the various meanings collected by Lane for تَفَلَ may have developed in this order: (1) to (lose a good scent by the) neglect (of) perfume, (2) to be unperfumed, (3) to be ill-smelling, (4) to spit out (rejecting what is ill-savoured): Lane cites ذاق ماء البحر وتقله, *he tasted the water of the sea and spat it out*, (5) to spit (whence further meanings developed). In Hebrew the meaning *tasteless* is clear in תַּפַּל, Jb. 6⁶: cf. דג מליח, *salted fish*, in contrast to דג תַּפַּל, *unsalted fish* (Shab. 128^a). Thence of moral savourlessness, or unsavouriness (cf. Arabic (4)); so in La. 2¹⁴ (תַּפַּל coupled with שוא), Jer. 23¹³ (תַּפְלָה), and with various differences of nuance in later Hebrew, as in the following cited from Levy, *NHB* iv. 659a, b, and *Chald. Wörterbuch*, 549a. דברי תַּפְלוּת שחַפְלָה עַל הַמָּן (cf. τ^o מנא, *the unseemly things which they unseemly spoke about the manna*; נשיקה של תַּפְלוּת, *an immodest kiss*; and see, further, *Sofa* 3⁴ for תַּפַּל of indulgence, absence of control in women. Thus to ascribe תַּפְלָה to Yahweh should imply regarding him as having lost the moral savour or quality which had been characteristic of him, and thus is near akin to תַּפַּר מִשְׁפָּטִי (40⁸) on one interpretation of that phrase; it is thus more expressive than conjectural emendations which have been suggested for תַּפְלָה, such as עוֹלָה or נִבְלָה (Beer); similarly in Jer., Yahweh sees in the prophets תַּפְלָה, or moral deterioration: they still prophesy, but not by Yahweh, not so as to lead the people aright, but by Baal, and so as to lead the people astray. The Versions in any case, as Beer admits, give no justification for emending תַּפְלָה away here; the exact flavour of the Hebrew is difficult to preserve in a translation, but $\epsilon\tau$'s ἀφροσύνη, here and also in La. 2¹⁴, is a tolerable attempt to reproduce the transferred moral sense of the word.

CHAPTER II.

1. להתיצב על יהוה (2)] $\mathfrak{C}$ om.: the last clause of the v. in Swete (*i.e.* in ^{B al.}) is from Aq. Theod.; see Field. In $\mathfrak{H}$ the words are a dittograph; for ct. 1⁶. Di. Bu., however, consider the absence from $\mathfrak{C}$ to be due to religious scruples against making the Satan quite like the other angels; in that case Beer would add the clause also to 1⁶ (so $\mathfrak{S}$).

2. מאין 1⁷] אי מזה.

וואמר . . . ויען] $\mathfrak{C}$ τότε εἶπεν: ct. 1⁷ καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς . . . εἶπεν. Whether $\mathfrak{C}$'s text was actually shorter than $\mathfrak{H}$ is not quite certain; the variation as between 1⁷ and 2¹ may be due to desire for variety: note that the remainder of the v. is also differently rendered, and that neither rendering is literal.

3. לבדך] Beer claims that this is omitted in $\mathfrak{C}$: ct. 1⁸; but this is not quite certain, for there are further variations in 1⁸ and 2³ $\mathfrak{C}$: cf. last n. and see on 1⁸.

ויעדנו מחזיק בתמתו ותסיתני בו לבלעו חנם] the exact relation of these two sentences is not clear; waw conv. with the impf. cannot express *although, in spite of*; RV., therefore, must be abandoned. The waw conv. can be best explained if we translate: *And he still maintains his integrity, and so* (Dr. § 74a) *in vain hast thou enticed me against him to ruin him* (G-K. 1111; cf. Kön. 369h); but, if this were intended, the position of חנם is strange; this might, therefore, be rejected more confidently, if the alternative were quite satisfactory: *He still maintains . . . and yet* (Dr. § 74 (β)) *thou hast enticed, etc.* Dr. (§ 79) appears to refer the second clause to what is yet to come; he compares Jer. 38⁹ השליכו אל הבור וימת, (they have cast him into the pit) *and he is going on to die*, Ps. 29¹⁰; so here, *and thou art enticing me.*

ב' [ותסיתני ב' cf. 1 S. 26¹⁹, 2 S. 24¹.

לבלעו] & τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ . . . ἀπολέσαι, correctly interpreting the suffix so as to limit the ruin to the goods or property of Job; on בלע see Is. 3¹² n.

4. לְאִישׁ] & ἀνθρώπων, בר נשׁ, suggest לְאִישׁ: for which also § חבֿן might stand (cf. Ca. 8⁷ §). The punctuation of MT may be due to regarding לְאִישׁ as referring to Job (cf. 1^{1.3}), and כל אישׁ לְאִישׁ as כל אישׁ לוֹ (cf. 1^{10.11}). In the very similar sentence in Ca. 8⁷, וְ is clearly anarthrous; yet with וְ here, cf. 1 S. 9⁹.

עור בעד עור] not a form of expressing the *lex talionis*, for the prep. used in Ex. 21^{23f.}, Lv. 24^{18.20} is תחת *in place of, in compensation for*, and in Dt. 19²¹ ב pretii, and there is no evidence that בעד could be substituted for either of those. Either (1) בעד has here its common metaph. meaning, *on behalf of* (cf. e.g. Is. 8¹⁹, 2 S. 12¹⁶), and then the meaning of the clause is completed by the vb. (ית) in the next cl. (cf. Jg. 15¹⁶); or, more probably, the clause being a proverbial saying, some such vb. as יתן is to be understood; in either case we must render: (one) skin (will a man give) on behalf of (another) skin; or (2) בעד has its literal meaning upon or about (Jon. 2⁷, Ps. 3⁴ 139¹¹), and we should render with Schultens, Merx, Bu., one skin (lies) upon (another) skin.

ובל & om. 1.

6, 7a. Cf. 1¹² nn.

7b. [עד] K^ethibh: ועד, Q^erê §T.

8. לוֹ] not translated by &.

ביתוך הארץ] & + ἔξω τῆς πόλεως—a correct, but for native readers an unnecessary gloss.

9. [ותאמר] & prefixes χρόνου δὲ πολλοῦ προβεβηκότος.

[ועדך וגו] interrogative: G-K. 150a. For עדך & has μέχρῃ τίνος: whence Merx, עדאן (cf. 8²).

ברך] see 1^b n. Before this word & has a long insertion, on which see Introd.

10. [ויואמר אליה] & ὁ δὲ ἐμβλέψας εἶπεν αὐτῇ.

תדברי . . . כדבר] cf. נפלת . . . כנפל, 2 S. 3³⁴; with

נבִּלֹחַ in comparison, cf. בִּאֶחָד הַנְּבִלִים, 2 S. 13¹⁸; בִּאֶחָד, 2 S. 2¹⁸; בִּאֶחָד הַשִּׁרִּים, Ps. 82⁷. These parallels do not favour the reading of 2 MSS (cf. S^{UV}, but ct. G), בִּאֶחָת מִן־הֶנָּה.

תִּדְבְּרִי has possibly arisen, through a dittograph of the ת of נבִּלֹחַ and the misreading of ת at the end, from דִּבְרִית; cf. G's ἐλάλησας (though this in itself is, of course, inconclusive), S^{UV}; the pf. seems preferable, since the allusion is to the words just spoken, not to the wife's customary speech. If the impf. be retained, render: *wilt thou, too, speak?* (Du., and see next n.).

גַּם] absent in 2 MSS^{Ken.}; cf. S. G εἰ = אִם, does not necessarily point to a variant, for note the equivalents of גַּם in Is. 49^{15, 25}, 1 S. 22⁶ to which Beer refers. The גַּם is to be explained as emphasizing אֶת הַטּוֹב; so BDB. 169a; it strengthens the emphasis secured by the position of אֶת־הַטּוֹב and its anti-thesis to אֶת־הָרָע; cp. Nu. 22²³. G-K. 153 treat גַּם as being “placed before two co-ordinate sentences, although, strictly speaking, it applies only to the second”; but Mal. 1¹⁰ is a doubtful support for this usage, and the analogy of such uses as that of מִדּוּעַ in Is. 5⁴ and others cited in 150m, are scarcely exact. Hence Merx, Sieg. prefer to point גַּם אֶת, connecting these words with the preceding: (*wilt*) *thou, too, (speak)*. In this case, however, it becomes necessary either to read אֶת הַטּוֹב גַּם אֶת אֶת הָרָע (Sieg., Du. Be^K), or to omit the אֶת before הָרָע; the latter is preferable, *if* the words of Job form two distichs 3 : 2 (Du.).

לִקְבֹּל] קָבַל for לָקַח is a remarkable Aramaism found elsewhere in OT. only in Ch. Ezr. Est. and Pr. 19²⁰. The inf. in an entirely different sense occurs in P—Ex. 26⁵ 36¹² †.

אִיוֹב] at this point S repeats 1^{22b}; the addition is also found after בִּשְׁפָתַי in 3 MSS of G (H. and P.).

II. רָעִי אִיוֹב] G φίλοι αὐτοῦ = רָעִי.

הִזְאֵת] G om.

הַבֶּאֱדָה] accented in MT on the penultimate, as if 3rd pers. pf. preceded by the art. used as a relative; but it is improbable that this represents the intention of the author (cf. G-K. 138k, and Dr.'s n. on 1 S. 9²⁴): note G τὰ ἐπελθόντα.

וּבְלָדָד] & Βαλδῑάδ: the punctuation of & may be more correct than MT: for &'s omission of the ך, cf. 1¹ n.

הַנְּעֻמָּתִי] ὁ Μεινῑῑων βασιλεὺς; for βασιλεὺς, cf. 'Ελειφῑζ ὁ Θαιμανῑων βασ. and Βαλδῑῑδ ὁ Σανχαῑῑων τύραννος. In 11¹ and throughout the book & has for הַנְּעֻמָּתִי, ὁ Μεινῑῑος.

12. וַיִּזְרֹק] זרק, usually of liquids, but also of cummin (Is. 28²⁵), soot (Ex. 9^{8, 10}), dust (implicitly; 2 Ch. 34⁴), coals (Ezk. 10²), means to throw or toss in quantities (see Dr.'s nn. on Ex. 29¹⁶, Am. 6⁶), such as fistfuls or handfuls.

עַל־רֹאשֵׁיהֶם הַשְּׁמִימָה] & om., though ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς (αὐτῑων) is supplied in some MSS of & (e.g. ^A) from Theod. (see Syro-hex.); and from the same source in *cælum* is also added in 3. The original text of & can scarcely represent the original text of 3; on the other hand, 3 is curious: it is commonly understood to mean: *they tossed dust towards heaven*, i.e., in English idiom, *up into the air* (cf. Sa'ad, (فى الهواء), so that it might in descending fall *upon their heads*; but for this we should at least have expected the order of עַל־רֹאשֵׁיהֶם הַשְּׁמִימָה to have been reversed. The phrase זרק הַשְּׁמִימָה occurs again in Ex. 9^{8, 10} (P); on the other hand, the rite of putting dust on the head is nowhere else expressed by this vb.; the usual phrase is על ראש . . . העלה: see Jos. 7⁶, La. 2¹⁰, Ezk. 27³⁰. It is difficult to account for הַשְּׁמִימָה as a gloss (so apparently Beer^K with a?); on the other hand, the omission of עַל־רֹאשֵׁיהֶם, which might easily be attributed to a glossator, would leave a phrase of questionable pertinence here. On the whole, therefore, the least hazardous alternative is to retain the text of 3.

13. לָאֶרֶץ] &, also 2 MSS ^{Ken.}, om.

וּשְׁבַעַת לֵילָת] not in the original text of &: see Beer.

CHAPTER III.

2. [ויען איוב] E om.; and H may be due to assimilation to the corresponding introductory formulæ in cc. 4-26 (Be.); yet see exeg. n. $\text{K}\alpha\iota\ \acute{\alpha}\pi\epsilon\kappa\rho\acute{\iota}\theta\eta\ \text{I}\omega\beta$ in E^A is from Aq. Theod.]

וַיֹּאמֶר (*mil'el*). The pausal form of וַיֹּאמֶר is usually וַיֹּאמֶר (17^9 etc.); but at the beginning of the speeches in Job it is always וַיֹּאמֶר ($4^1 6^1$ etc.); only in 32^6 is it וַיֹּאמֶר: cf. G-K. 68e, and see H. F. B. Compston in *JThS* xiii. 426 f.

3. "In וַיֹּאמֶר, הִרָה the tone is thrown back to prevent the collision of two tone-syllables (G-K. 29e), and to produce a rhythmical accent, as happens very frequently, esp. before the last arsis: cf. vv. 5^c , 8a, 14a, 16b, 17a, b, 20b, 25b, 26b etc." (Bu.).

וְיֹס without the art., the word (in *st. c.*) being defined by the foll. relative clause (G-K. 130d, esp. the second part; *Lex.* 400a, cases with יֹס and יֹס: e.g. Ps. $56^{4,10}$).

וַיֹּאמֶר the impf., as often in poetry, depicting vividly a single past action (cf. v. 11^a 15^7 , Ex. $15^{5,6,7,15}$; Dr. 27a; G-K. 107b). The force of the tense must be *felt* by the Heb. student: idiom will not permit its reproduction in English. It really designates the action as *in progress* (though not so distinctly as the ptc. does); but such renderings as *was being born*, or *was going to be born*, not only make too much of the tense, but lack altogether the delicacy and fineness of the Heb. idiom. Jer. (20^{14}) expresses the same thought in the language of prose: וְיֹס הַיּוֹם אִשֶּׁר יִלְדָּתִי בּוֹ.

וְהַלֵּילָה אָמַר "the night (which) said": G-K. 155f, Kō. iii. 380d: cf. Ps. 34^9 52^9 118^{21} , 2 S. 23^1 .

וְהָרָה Pu. of הָרָה; only here. Prob. to be regarded as a passive of קָל (see G-K. 52e).

וְהָרָה גַּבְרָה So ST ; but E $\text{I}\delta\omicron\upsilon\acute{\nu}\ \acute{\alpha}\rho\pi\epsilon\nu$. $\text{I}\delta\omicron\upsilon\acute{\nu}$ (unless

הרה was read as הרי, Mishnic for *behold*) will point to הנה for הרה; ἄρσεν, however, in spite of Jer. 20¹⁵ (. . . לֹא־אֶמַר יֶלְד־לִּי בֶן . . . זָכָר), is more probably a paraphrase of נבר than based upon a reading זכר. [Yet note that נבר is regularly rendered in Job by ἀνὴρ (10 times), and once by ἀνθρώπος, never in Job or elsewhere by ἄρσην. The term זכר is prosaic; yet in a similar connection to the present does actually occur in poetry: see Is. 66⁷.]

4. [היוס] הָ הָ הָ; Symm. Theod. Ἡ ἡμέρα. See exeg. n. Bi. Be. om. all 4a.]

יְהִי הַשֵּׁן cf. 5¹ 17¹⁶ 24²¹ 33⁹, Ps. 1³. When a word has Ole-we-yored, Great Rebia', or Dehi, without a preceding conj. accent, and begins with sh'wa, this sh'wa has a ga'ya, provided that between the sh'wa and the tone-syll. there is at least one vowel, and this has not already a sh'wa. See Baer in Merx, *Archiv*, i. 202 f.; more briefly G-K. 16g, end.

יִדְרֶשׁוּ is to *seek after*, hence to *inquire after* (RVm.), then show solicitude for, *care for*; so Dt. 11¹² RV., Jer. 30¹⁷ RVm., Is. 62¹² דְּרוּשָׁה (EVV. *sought out*).

מִמַּעַל either *from above*, 31² (מִמְּרוֹמִים), or *above*, 31²⁸ (בִּי כַחֲשִׁי לֹאֵל מִמַּעַל), and often in *בשמים ממעל*, Dt. 4³⁹ al.

נִהָרָה cf. נִהָרָה, Syr. نَهَرَا. The fem. form shows, however, that the word has become Hebraized. Elsewhere in Heb. the נ means to *shine* only in the vb., Is. 60⁵, Ps. 34⁶ †.

נָאֵל to *claim*, *redeem* (v. *supr.*): so Ἐ ἐκλάβοι, Σ ἀντιποιήσαιο αὐτῆς, Θ ἀγχιστευσάτω αὐτῆς (from the redeemer of a claim being commonly the nearest of kin); cf. AVm. *challenge it* (i.e. *claim it*; see Aldis Wright, *Bible Word-Book*, s.v.) אֵל יִטְנֵנִי יְהוָה, Ἀ μολύναι (cf. ΣΥ, paraphrasing, נִכְשַׁנְסָה, obscurent) derive it from the late נָאֵל, to *defile*, Is. 59³ al.; so Rabb., AV. *stain it*. But the metaphor does not harmonize with the context.

תִּשְׁבֹּן עָלָיו the "heavy Ga'ya" is inserted (Baer, in Merx, *Archiv*, i., "Die Metheg-Setzung," p. 200) in the first syll. of the sg. impf. Qal of the regular verb, when it ends with *Qamez*, and is joined by *Maḳkef* to the foll. word, to emphasize the syll. in which it stands, and to help to shorten the pronunc. of the

—: so 22² 24¹⁴ 38¹⁹, Ps. 121⁸, Pr. 4⁴ (cf. G-K. 16g, *h*, though this particular instance is not mentioned).

עֲנָה †] the fem. is prob. collective (G-K. 122s).

צֶלְמֹות “shadow of death”: so, as vocalized by Ξ ($\sigma\kappa\iota\alpha$ $\theta\alpha\nu\acute{\alpha}\tau\omicron\upsilon$), Vrss., the Massoretes, Ges. *Thes.*; but most modern scholars צֶלְמֹות (from $\sqrt{\text{צלם}}$ * Eth. *ḡal'ma* (Di. *Lex.* 1258f), to *be dark*, Ar. ظلم , iv, to *be dark*; ظلمة , *darkness* (in Qor. often in the pl. *ṣulūmāt*^{an}, 2¹⁶ 6¹ etc.), Ass. *ṣalmu*, *black*)—a reading and etym. presupposed by RVm. *deep darkness*. If Ξ be right, the word will be one of the very few examples of a compound word in Heb. (G-K. 30r, 81d with n.). The traditional vocalization has been defended recently by no less an authority than Nöldeke (*ZAW*, 1897, p. 183 ff.). Nöld., in answer to the argument (Di. here) that shade is to Orientals a fig. of refreshment (Is. 16³ 25⁴ 32²), which does not suit death, observes that this depends on what object casts it, and the “shadow of death” would not be like the grateful shadow of a rock in the Oriental noon: he also points out that צֶלְמֹות occurs in late Heb.—in Ps. 44²⁰ even in the 2nd cent. B.C.—so that Ξ $\sigma\kappa\iota\alpha$ $\theta\alpha\nu\acute{\alpha}\tau\omicron\upsilon$ is not likely to represent a false tradition; and, lastly, he remarks that a word ending in וֹת is not likely to have been formed from a $\sqrt{\text{}}$ not known to have been in use in Heb. or even in Aramaic. The argument drawn from Ξ is hardly cogent; else what is to be said of $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\varsigma$ τὸ τέλος for לְמַעַן , η κλητὴ for מְקַרֵּא (in the Pent.), and η σκηνὴ τοῦ μαρτυρίου for אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד ? Nor does the last argument seem to be conclusive: there are many words in Heb. derived from roots found in Arabic, but not *known* to have been in use in the Hebrew spoken in OT. times, as דָּבִיר , מַעַן , מִלְאָךְ , מַעֲזָר , מִקְלָט , תְּלֹאבוֹת . “Shadow of death” would have been more probable, had the expression itself been more obviously suggestive of Sheol, and had it not also been often used to denote darkness (e.g. that of night: c. 24¹⁷, Am. 5⁸; of a mine, 28³) of a kind to which no thought whatever of either death or Sheol could attach: “shadow of death,” in the sense of the shadow cast by approaching death, which a modern reader might attach to it in (e.g.) Jb. 16¹⁶, is (as other passages show) not the

idea expressed by צלמות. The other occurrences of the word are 10²¹. 22 38¹⁷ (only in these passages of the darkness of Sheol) 12²² 16¹⁶ 24¹⁷ 28³ 34²², Is. 9¹, Jer. 2⁶ 13¹⁶, Am. 5⁸, Ps. 23⁴ 44²⁰ 107¹⁰. 14 †: *v.* further *Lex. s.v.*

כְּמִרְרִי [the like of (*Lex.* 453*a*) the bitternesses of the day (so אֲדָמָה אֶרֶץ מִרְרָה, Jer. 17; Mass.) yields no sense: read כְּמִרְרִי, the blacknesses of, from the sense of כָּמַר in Syr. כְּמִרְרָה, black, of a cloud, the night, Sheol, etc.; PS. 1757; the form, as כְּמִרְרִי, חֲכָלִיל, שְׁפִירִי, סִנְרִיר, G-K. 84*b*, No. 34).

6. יִחָד from חָדָה (G-K. 75*r*), common in Aram., but otherwise in Heb. only Ex. 18⁹ וַיִּחָדֶּה (E), Ps. 21⁷ תִּתְחַדֶּה; cf. the subst. חֲדָה, 1 Ch. 16²⁷ (|| Ps. 96⁶ חֲפָאֲרֵת), Neh. 8¹⁰, Ezr. 6¹⁶ †. אֵי εἴη (= יהיה); יִחָד, Σ συναφθεῖν, Saad. يَجْعَلُ, i.e. יִחָד (from יָחַד: cf. תָּחַד, sq. ב, as here, Gn. 49⁶), be united, joined.

8. עֲתִיד prepared, ready: cf. 15²⁴ עֲתִיד לְבִידוֹר, Est. 3¹⁴ 8¹³ הוּא. The ✓ is rare, and mostly late, in OT. (Pr. 24²⁷ וְעֲתִידָהּ; Jb. 15²⁸ הִתְעַדְדוּ לְגִלִּים), but common in Aram. and NH. (Dn. 3¹⁵; cf. on Dt. 32³⁵): in Syr. אֲתִיד is to prepare, אֲתִיד, to be prepared; עֲתִיד is prepared, ready (PS. 3008), in NH. esp. = μέλλων, as in הָעֲתִיד לָבוֹא = ὁ μέλλων [αἰών]. We should expect לעוֹרֵר; but cf. the inf. without ל not only after הוֹסִיף, 27¹ al., הִחָל, Dt. 2²⁵ al., וְכָל, c. 4² al., but also after 'נָחַן (= allow . . . to: *Lex.* 679*a*), Nu. 20²¹ 21²³; נִלְאָה, Is. 1¹⁴ al.; חָרַל, Is. 1¹⁶; אָבָה, Is. 28¹² al.; הָאֲמִין, c. 15²² (G-K. 114*m*; Kō. iii. 576).

9. נִאֵין idiomatic for וַאֲיִנּוּ, esp. after such words as קָנָה and בָּקַשׁ: 1 S. 9⁴, Is. 41¹⁷ 59¹¹, Ezk. 7²⁵, Ps. 69²¹.

10. וַיִּסְתֵּר the force of לֹא (in ^a) extending over both clauses, as [Ps. 44¹⁹]: cf. G-K. 152*z*.

11. לִמָּה לֹא See G-K. 20*f*.

אֲמֹת (why) went I not on to die from the womb? A good case of the incipient sense of the impf., noticed on v.³.

מִרְחָם temporal מן usually denotes continuously after, Ps. 22¹¹ etc. (*Lex.* 581*a*, 4*a*); for מן = immediately after, cf. Hos. 6² מִיְמֵי, al. (*Lex.* 581*b*, 4*b*), Ps. 73²⁰ בְּחַלּוֹם בְּהִקְצֵן (Bu.).

יִצְאָתִי the force of לִמָּה לֹא extending over the second

clause, even without a connecting ׀: cf. after למה מה, etc. Ps. 10^{1,13} 44²⁵ 62⁴ 79⁵ etc., and on 1 S. 2³; and after לא, G-K. 152².

וְאֵנִי] By all analogy we should expect וְאֵנִי; and, "though there seems no doubt that according to the Mass. tradition the strong *warw* received in some cases a lighter pronunciation" (Dav. § 51, R.⁶ though he himself, § 45, R.², seems to explain the tense of וְאֵנִי by attraction to ^a אֵנִי), this doubtless ought to be read. So Is. 43²⁸ 48³ 51² 57¹⁷ al.; cf. G-K. 107^b, n. נָע, to *expire*,—only in poetry (8 times in Job; La. 1¹⁹, Zec. 13⁸, Ps. 88¹⁶ 104²⁹ †), and the prose of P (12 times).

13. כִּי עַתָּה] see Ex. 9¹⁵ (Dr. § 141; *Lex.* 774^b, g).

וְאִשְׁקוּט] Read וְאִ: cf. v.¹¹ n.

אִנִּי יָנוּחַ] "then *were I* (now) *at rest*." נוח impers. (Dav. § 109; G-K. 144^b), as Is. 23¹².

[14. חֲרָבוֹת לָמוֹ] in addition to the suggestions considered in the exegetical n., note Che.'s emendation קְבֻרוֹת עוֹלָם, *everlasting sepulchres* (*Exp.T.* x. 380); and Daiches' interpretation of ח' as *fortresses, cities*, on the ground that מַחֲרָב with that meaning occurs in the S. Arabian inscriptions (*JQR*, 1908, 607 ff.).]

16. לֹא אֶהְיֶה] The impf., as v.¹³ יָנוּחַ. Hi. Be.^T הִיא (א in אֶהְיֶה, dittographed), *which came not into being*; but the sentence then (Bu.) has no predicate. Wr. Bu. omit לֹא ("or I should be like," etc.), supposing it to have come in as a reminiscence of 10¹⁹; but there is no gain by the change. Reiske, Be., Du. may, however, be right in transposing ¹⁶ to follow ¹¹ (under the government of לִמָּנָה, ^{11a}); the position suits; and שָׁם, ¹⁷, is not then separated from ^{14, 15}, to which it obviously refers.

17. רָעִשִׁים] Be.^T רָעִשִׁים, against which see Bu.

רָנָה] lit. (חרל being *intrans.*) "cease *with regard to* raging"; cf. חָרְלוּ הָרָע, Is. 1¹⁶, and on v.⁸ above. רָנָה would be more regular, and prob. ought to be read; perhaps, however, the punct. רָנָה was determined by the rhythm.

18. יָחַד] Note that יחד and יחדו often stand emphatically at

the *beginning* of a clause: 16¹⁰ 19¹² 21²⁶ 24⁴, Ps. 41⁸ 98⁸ al., Is. 11^{7, 14} 41¹ al. (*Lex.* 403*a, b*).

19. [שם הוא] The rend. "are there the same" [Bu., G-K. § 135*a*, note] is very doubtful. הוא אני means *I am He* (emph.), i.e. *He Who is*, which may be *paraphrased* by "I am the same" (*Lex.* 16*b*); but הוא nowhere in itself means "the same"; and that *two* persons should be identified by the use of הוא is most improbable. The pred. must be שם, not הוא, the sentence being exactly like חלום פרעה אחר הוא, etc. (Dr. § 198; *Lex.* 216*a*). For "are the same" we should expect כגדל כקטן (or כקטן) (*Lex.* 454, ק, 2).

[באדניו] For the pl. see G-K. 124*i*.

20. [יתן] The subj. may be either הנותן (G-K. 144*e*; Dr. on 1 S. 16⁴) or "he," i.e. God: in either case God being equally the subject whom Job has in his mind. In the former case, the sense may in our idiom be expressed by ". . . is given" (so EVV; also GSY); and Be. Du. would read יתן; but the covert reference to God is better expressed by יתן.

21. [ויחפרהו] the finite vb. carrying on המתכים; G-K. 116*x*.

[ממטמנים] GSY כמ; so Be. Du.; but this is necessary only if חפר be taken to mean "dig" (SY Be. Du.).

22. [אלי גיל] cf. Hos. 9¹ [אל תגל] אל תשמח ישראל אל גיל: אל תשמח ישראל אל גיל (אל תגל) (cf. עלי). Grä. Be. Du., partly for the sake of the parallelism, partly on the ground that יששו is a bathos (?) after גיל, would read [with one MS^{Ken.} and S^{vid.}] גל, "who rejoice over the grave-heap"; but there is no evidence that גל alone would have this meaning; we have only אבנים, גל אבנים, a "heap of stones," so used (Jos. 7²⁶ 8²⁹, 2 S. 18¹⁷), and that not of an ordinary grave.

23. [ורסך] Hif. from סך, as 38⁸ † (where, however, read סף); 1¹⁰ שכת from שוף [see n. on 1¹⁰].

24. לפני naturally means *before*: but *before my bread*, i.e. before every meal, yields a poor sense. Ew. Hi. Di. De. suppose that לפני acquired the sense of *pro*, i.e. *for*, or *instead of*: cf. 4¹⁹, 1 S. 1¹⁶ (if the text here is correct). Bu. suggests tentatively לפני, Be. לפני, *in proportion to* (*Lex.* 805*b*); but this

is prosaic and almost too precise to be probable here. Bi.² בִּלְחָמִי (בי ל' ל').

וּרְתָבוֹ] masc. before the fem. שְׂאֲנִי: G-K. 145^p. Bu. for וּרְתָבוֹ would read וְרָתְבוֹ (as in many parallel cases in Job); but there are numerous instances of the impf., with a freq. force, being followed by וְ (Dr. 80; G-K. 111^t).

25a. The sentence is *virtually* hypothetical, though no hypoth. particle is used: cf. Pr. 11² בָּא זֶרֶק וַיָּבֹא קֶלֶק, "pride has come, and shame goes on to come," i.e. when one comes the other comes (Dr. 153; G-K. 159^h): so c. 9^{20b} 23¹³ 29¹¹, cf. 7^{8b} 27^{19b}. GSW Bi. Be. om. ! (the fear that I fear cometh upon me); [so Σ, but not 'AΘ (see Field, *Hex. ad loc.*)].

וַיֵּאָתֶינִי] The original לִי being retained (G-K. 75^u). The accus. -נִי, as with בָּא, 15²¹ 20²² al. (G-K. 118^z).

26. שְׁלִיחִי] The one לִי vb. in Heb. with the ו preserved in Qal; G-K. 75^b (cf. *kk*).

CHAPTER IV.

2. נָסָה] has been taken (*a*) as the 1 pl. impf. קַל from נָשָׂא (cf. נָסָה for נָשָׂא, Ps. 4⁷); so 'ΑΣΘ Σ [ἄσθ] Du.; (*b*) as pf. Pi. of נָסָה (Ew. Di. De. and most). נִשָּׂא דָּבָר does not occur elsewhere; but it might be defended by נִשָּׂא, sq. נִשְׁמַע, Ex. 23¹; כִּנְשָׁל, c. 27¹ al.; חִרְפָּה, Ps. 15³; חִפְּזָה, 2 K. 19⁴; but the two impff. in a hypoth. sentence are against analogy; and even though we render (Du.), "Shall we take up the word to thee (address thee), thou who art disheartened?" (תִּלְאָה, a rel. cl., with אֲשֶׁר omitted), the constr. is forced; and נָסָה from נָסָה yields a much better sense. The constr. will then be that of 7²⁰ בַּחֲנִי כֹהֵב אֵצֶל אֱלֹהִים, 19⁴ 21^{31b} 23¹⁰ ἀστυδέτως (Dr. 154; G-K. 159^h), the ה marking it here as an interrogative. נָסָה sq. acc. recurs in the same sense, only Qoh. 7²³; but (Di.) Dt. 28⁵⁶ (רָצִי) is similar, and it would be easy to vocalize רָצִי (so 'ΑΘ ΣΥ).

תִּלְאָה] לָא is to *be wearied*, hence to *be unable to bear it*.

וְנִעֲצָר G-K. 28^b.

נִעֲצָר ב' "withhold *with*," as 12¹⁵ 29⁹; G-K. 119^g.

מִלֵּן] from the poet. מִלָּה (Aram. Dn. 2⁵ and often): 2 S. 23², Ps. 19⁵ 139⁴, Pr. 23⁹; otherwise only in Job (34 times); the Aram. pl. מִלֵּן (G-K. 87^e) 13 times; מַלִּים 10 times. For the *position* of מִי יוֹבֵל, cf. 26¹⁴ 38³⁷ 39⁵ 41^{5. 6}, Pr. 20⁶ 24²² 31¹⁰ al. (*Lex.* 567^a).

3. יִסְרָת] instructed *morally*, gave moral teaching and advice to: v. supr. one of the passages in which the idea of *discipline*, properly belonging to יִסָּר, is least prominent (cf. Ps. 16⁷, Pr. 31¹). Or should עֲזָרָת be read? [Perl. suggests יִסְרָת, "strengthen, confirm"; but יִסָּר never has this meaning.]

5. תִּגַּע עַד] cf. Mic. 1⁹, Jer. 4¹⁰. The fem. (= our

“it”), of a subject not named, but before the mind of the speaker; G-K. 144^b (cf. 122^q, end).

נָהַל [וְנָהַל] is a strong word, *be dismayed, thrown into alarm* (21⁶ 23¹⁵, Ps. 48⁶, Is. 21³ al.), much more than *troubled* (EVV).

6b. The introd. of the subj. by the ו of the pred. or apod. is very forced: rd. (Di. al.) וְתִקְוֶה חַם ד'.

7. **מִי הוּא** [מִי הוּא נָקִי אָבֵר] as 13¹⁹ 17³, Ps. 24¹⁰ (Dr. 201. 2; G-K. 136^c): נָקִי *being* innocent, or *as* an innocent one, a (virtual) accus. of state, Dr. 161. 3; G-K. 118ⁿ.

10-11. Notice the five synonyms for “lion.”

10. **שָׁחַל** 10¹⁶ 28⁸, Ps. 91¹³, Pr. 26¹³, Hos. 5¹⁴ 13⁷ †. Arab. *saḥala* (among other meanings) signifies to *bray* (of an ass), so שָׁחַל may denote etymologically the *roarer*; though, as the vb. does not occur in Heb., we do not know whether the Hebrews were conscious of this meaning.

נָתַעַר a clerical error for נָתַעַז (Ps. 58⁷): so Gr. *Not* an Aramaism (Di., Du.) for נָתַעַז; for (1) נָתַעַז is not known in this sense in Aram., and (2) an Aram. נ corresponds to a Heb. נ only when the corresponding Arab. has ض (Dr. § 178; Wright, *Compar. Gr.*, p. 61); and no Arab. نَتَعَض is known.

11. **לֵיֵשׁ** Is. 30⁶, Pr. 30³⁰ †. Aram. לֵיֵשׁ [in 28⁸ ㉔ = שָׁחַל]; Arab. *laith* (perhaps meaning *the strong one*; see Lane, 2684: cf. *lauth, strength*, 2678^b).

[יִתְפַּרְדֵּר] parallel to אָבֵר, as in Ps. 92¹⁰.]

12. **יִגְנֹב** For the fig. sense, cf. הִתְגַּנֵּב (לְבוֹא), 2 S. 19⁴.

שִׁמְץ 26¹⁴ †; שִׁמְצָה, Ex. 32²⁵ †; Σ rightly ψιθυρισμόν. In later Heb. שִׁמְץ, “whisper,” acquired the sense of a *little* (cf. Sir. 10¹⁰ 18³²); and this no doubt underlies the (first) rend. of Ἐ οὐθὲν ἄν σοι τούτων κακὸν ἀπήγγελλεν: cf. ㉔ קָצַת, *some*; Σ [סֵךְ וְחֶסֶד]; it is also the sense adopted by the mediæval Jews (Ql. קָצַת דָּבָר מְעַט); hence AV. *a little*.

מִיָּהוּ † if correct, the more primitive form of מִיָּהוּ. Cf. מִיָּהוּ, 11²⁰ †, and G-K. 103ⁱ, *m*.

13. **שַׁעֲפִים** Prob. also (cf. *supr.*) connected with סַעֲפִים, *branches*; cf. סַעֲפִים (from סַעַף), Ps. 119¹¹³ *divided, half-hearted*.

[14. קראני] for קרני; G-K. 75^{rr}].

[15. רוח] masc. as in 8²; and, if the text may be trusted, in Jer. 4^{11f}: see Kön. iii. 248i].

[תסמר] If ח is correct, the Pi. will be, not transitive, but *intensive* (Ew. § 120d, *horrescit*; G-K. 52f); but perhaps תסמר should be read (Ps. 119¹²⁰).

[שערת] The *nomen unitatis* is impossible here, since more than a single hair must be meant; and that שער is used exceptionally with the collective force of שער is improbable. ח is due to the influence of the sing. vb.; point שערת (Ps. 40¹³ 69⁵), the vb. being sing. fem. according to G-K. 145k. Be.^T proposes שערר, not, however, as Merx earlier, in the sense of a *whirlwind* (ct. v. 16a), but as a fem. with the same sense as שער in 18²⁰: he renders the whole line, *a horror caused my flesh to creep* (cf. T); but the emendation is unnecessary.]

[16. יעמר] א Aq. render by the first person, as though it were אעמר; but there is no evidence that עמר was = קום (cf. 7⁴) in the sense which would be required here, if the first person were correct. The words מראהו תמונה לנדר were read by א as if נדר [א] אראה ותמונה לנדר; S does not render מראהו, and treats לנדר like א. The Versions do not point to a more satisfactory text; nor is the fact that v. 16 is at present a tristich sufficient proof that words have dropped out. Du., whose theory demands a tetrastich, suggests that the first stichos may have been intentionally abbreviated to the single word יעמר, *It stood* . . ., in order to heighten the uncanny effect; and this, perhaps, is not impossible.]

17. [מן] *from = on the part of*, according to the judgment proceeding from (cf. זעים, 34²³): so Nu. 32²² והייתם נקיים מיהוה ומישראל, Jer. 51^{5b}.

18. [תהלה] If this is right, it can mean only *error* (Di.), from the Eth. *tahala*, a by-form of *tahala*, to *wander* (Di. *Lex.* 552f.). But a ἀπ. λεγ., explicable only from the Eth., is not very probable; and it is very likely that תהלה is miswritten for תפלה *folly* (1²² 24¹²); so Hupf. Me. Sgf. Gr. EVV. *folly* is based on the Jewish deriv. from הלל (as in הללים, Ps. 5⁶; יהלל, c. 12¹⁷): but the form תהלה from הלל is impossible. De. התלה,

deception, from הָחַל (13⁹ 17²), which would be a legitimate, though rare, Aramaizing form of the Hif. inf. (G K. 72², 85^c); but such a special sense as “deception” is not here probable. For שָׁם ב' *to lay in* (= *attribute to*), cf. 1 S. 22¹⁵ אֶל-יֵשׁוּם הַמֶּלֶךְ בַּעֲבֹדוֹ דָּבָר.

19. [יִדְכָּאוּם] The implicit subj. is הַמְּרַכְּאִים (6² 7³ [see n.] 18¹⁸ 19²⁶ etc.; G-K. 144^e, g): in Engl. *they* (indef.) *crush them* = they are crushed. יִדְכָּאוּם; but there is no occasion to make God the subject. A passive form, such as יִדְכָּאוּ, or (cf. 5⁴) יִדְכָּאוּ, or יִדְכָּאוּ, would agree better with יָבִיאוּ v.²⁰. Bi.¹ restores, “cleverly but arbitrarily” (Bu.), עֵת יִבְלֶה, יִדְכָּאוּם לִפְנֵי כְבוֹדוֹ כְּמוֹ עֵשׂ.

[לִפְנֵי עֵשׂ] *Before the moth*, i.e. more quickly than a moth: they have but an ephemeral existence. Others take לִפְנֵי as = *in the manner of, like* (see on 3²⁴); so already G σιγητὸς τροπικῶν. N. Herz (ZAW, 1900, 160), cleverly, יִדְכָּאוּם כִּלְפָנֵי עֵשׂוֹם (from before their Maker).

20. [יִכְתְּוּ] See G-K. 67^v, on the כ. כַּחַת is to *beat to pieces, beat small*, as Dt. 9²¹ (of the golden calf); fig. *beat down, break up*, of a defeated army, as Dt. 1⁴⁴, Jer. 46⁵ (יִכְתְּוּ), Ps. 89²⁴ (יִכְתְּוּ כִּפְּנוֹ צָרִי).

[מִבְּלִי] *without* (Lex. 115^b, bottom).

[מְשִׁים] sc. לֵב (1⁸, Ex. 7²³ and often): the ellipse as 23⁶ לִמְעַן . . . וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ. Is. 41²⁰ וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ. A Hif. מְשִׁים is, however, very dub. (Nöld. Beiträge, i. 37): Me. Gr. מוֹשִׁיעַ; Herz (l.c.), מְבַלֵּי שֵׁם (“sehr beachtenswert,” Nö. l.c.).

21. [הֲלֹא נִסֵּעַ . . . יָמוּתוּ] The constr. as v.², the hypoth. sentence (נִסֵּעַ . . . יָמוּתוּ) being made interrogative by הֲלֹא here, as it is by הֲ there.

[יֵתֶר] a *cord* (30¹¹), of a bow (Ps. 11²); here a *tent-cord* (elsewhere כִּיֵּתֶר). Ols. Hi. Sgf. יֵתֶר, *their tent-peg* (Hi. *their loom-peg*,—but this is more than doubtful; see Moore on Jg. 16^{13, 14}): this would suit נִסֵּעַ (Is. 33²⁰), but not בָּם [a dittograph of רָם (יֵתֶר)?—McN.], besides being a less significant figure. AV., following TS (one rend.), and Rabb., take יֵתֶר in the sense of *excellency* (i.e. *pre-eminence*), as Gn. 49³ al.; but this does not suit either נִסֵּעַ, or בָּם, or the figure.

CHAPTER V.

2. The order (Dr. 208. 1; G-K. 142 f., a) shows that **אוי** and **פתה** are the emphatic words in the v.

לְאוֹיִל] The **ל** is the *nota accus.*, common in Aram., and increasingly frequent in the later Heb.: cf. 21²², Jer. 40²; and see G-K. 117n.; *Lex.* **ל** 3.

כַּעַשׂ] always in Job (6² 10¹⁷ 17⁷ †) for **כַּעַם**. **כַּעַם** has always the meaning given above; and **הַכַּעִים** always means similarly to *vex*, with Yahweh as object (as frequently in Deut. writers). For instance, it means to *vex* Him by deserting Him for other gods: see on Dt. 4²⁵ 32¹⁶. 19. 27; and Hupf. on Ps. 6⁸. It is much to be regretted that in EVV. it is always misrendered “provoke to anger.”

3. **אֲנִי רֹאֵתִי**] when **אֲנִי** has *Munah* followed by *Dehi*, it has *Ga'ja* (G-K. 16c) with the *sh'wa* (cf. on 3⁴): cf. Ps. 17⁶ 116¹⁶; and see Baer in Merx' *Archiv*, i. 203.

מַשְׁרִישׁ] *making* (putting forth) *roots*: G-K. 53g [**מִשְׁרָשׁ**] (Be.) is unnecessary].

וְאָקוּב] **Ἐ** ἐβρώθη αὐτῶν ἡ δάματα (δ. for **נָה**, 8⁶, and often for **אָה** in Job, e.g. 8²²), **שׁ** **כָּבַד**, and *perished*: 'A (κατηρασάμην) **Ἐ** express **Ἐ**. **Ἐ** was eaten up, suggested to Me. Bi.¹ Sgf., Be. **וְרָקַב** (rather, as Du. Ehrl. **וְרָקַב**), *became rotten* (worm-eaten; cf. *NHWB* and *ChWB*, s.v.: Is. 40²⁰ of wood; cf. Jb. 41¹⁹ **עָצִים וְרָקַבּוּ**; and **רָקַב**, Pr. 12⁴ **Ἐ ὥσπερ ἐν ξύλῳ σκώληξ**, 14³⁰ **σῆς δὲ ὀστέων**); but the idea does not seem very probable with **נָה**. Bu. **וְיִפְקַד**, *was missed* (cf. ²⁴) = *was empty* (cf. 1 S. 20¹⁸. 25 **וְיִפְקַד מְקוֹם דָּוִד**, ²⁷), rather weak; or **וְרָקַם**, though admitting that the adv. is harsh. Che. (*JQR* ix. 575), with the least change from **Ἐ**, **וְיִיקַב**, and *was cursed* (sc. by God); Bevan (*JPh*, 1899, p. 303) **וְיִיבַק** (Is. 24¹⁻³, Jer. 51², of a land) and *was emptied out*; Che. (*ET* x. 381) **וְיִיקַב עֲנָפוּ פְתָאָם**, carry-

ing on the fig. of ^a (cf. Mal. 3¹⁹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעֵנֶף). The simple וַיִּשֶׁם (Ezk. 12¹⁹ 19) would perhaps be the most natural idea to expect. [McN. suggests יִבְרָקָב.]

4. [יִדְבָּאוּ] for יִתְרָבֹאוּ (G-K. 54c); so 34²⁵.

5. [אֲשֶׁר קָצְרוּ] אֲשֶׁר קָצְרוּ; so Me. Bi. Be. Bu. Du. Ehrl.

[וְאֵל כִּצְנִים] conventionally rendered, “and *even* out of thorns”: but this sense of the prep. אֵל is unheard of and incredible (3²² is no parallel). צְנִים recurs Pr. 22⁵ † (si vera l.) עֲקִישׁ; cf. צְנִיִּים, fishing *hooks*, Am. 4² †; and צְנִיִּים, *thorns* (fig.), Jos. 23¹³, Nu. 33⁵⁵. *Out of thorns* is commonly explained as meaning “from the enclosed field, protected by the thorn-hedge”; but this is very forced. Thomson (*L. and B.*, p. 348) more plausibly supposes that the reference is to the custom of farmers to lay aside the grain after threshing somewhere near the floor, “and cover it up with thorn-bushes to keep it from being carried away or eaten by animals.” Robbers who found and seized this would literally “take it from among thorns.” But a reference to such a special arrangement as this is not very probable. שָׂאָה—properly to *gasp* (Is. 42¹⁴) or *pant* (sq. acc., for air; Jer. 14⁶), fig. *be eager for* (Jb. 7² עַל שָׂאָה, כְּעֶבֶד יִשְׂאָה, in a hostile sense (EVV. *would swallow up*), Ps. 56²⁻³ 57¹, Am. 8⁴—is followed rightly by an accus.; and צָמִים (sing.) recurs 18⁹ † יִחַזַּק עָלָיו צָמִים; but it is a strange parallel to רָעַב, and it agrees badly with שָׂאָה. There is clearly some corruption in each line, though no convincing emendation has hitherto been proposed. In ^b Bu. suggests with a (?), וְאֵלֶיָּהֶם עֲנִי יִקָּחָהּ, “and their sheaf, the poor taketh it”; Bevan (*JPh*, 1899, p. 305), וְאֹזְנֵם צְנִים יִקָּחָהּ, “and their strength (*i.e. their wealth*: 20¹⁰, Hos. 12⁹), the barbs take it” (both retaining ^c as it stands). Du. cuts the knot by rejecting ^b as “ein Fremder Zusatz oder eine unglückliche Variante,” but without explaining what it means, or how it arose. In v. ^c A (δυσψῶντες) Σ Σ H express צָמִים (= צָמִיִּים) [or צָמָא], *the thirsty*: this forms a good || to רָעַב, and is adopted by Ew. Hirz, Me. Del.² al. The sg. שָׂאָה is quite defensible (G-K. 1450); but חֵלֶם, “their *substance*,” is an unsuitable object, when the “thirsty” are the

subject; some beverage is desiderated which satisfies the thirsty as the harvest satisfies the hungry. Hence Hfm. חֲלִיבָם, "their *milk*" (21²⁴), for חֲלִים; Be.—who regards ^b and ^c as doublets (?)—(for both חֲלִיבָם וְיִשְׁתּוּ צִמָּים חֲלִיבָם, "and the thirsty drink their milk" (Ezk. 25⁴), Ch. וְיִשְׁתּוּהָ צִמָּא חֲמָרָם, and Du. וְיִשְׁתּוּ אֶת צִמָּא, "and the thirsty draweth (cf. *Ἐξέσιφωμισθείη, Ἐξασυριetur*, Gr. וְיִשְׁתּוּ אֶת צִמָּאֵם) from their well" (Ca. 4¹²† text dub. : cf. on 8¹⁷),—which is no longer covered in and protected, but is open to all. The case is one of those in which *fm* is clearly more or less corrupt; but it is impossible to be sure what the original reading was.

7. **יִגְלֵךְ**] pf. pu. in pause, with י for יי (G-K. 90). But (Di. al.) **יִגְלֵךְ** is better, as a freq. sense is desiderated. Bö. Gr. Be. Bu. Du. vocalize **יִגְלֵךְ**, *begetteth trouble* (ל the *nota accus.*, as v.²); but the change is unnecessary.

ר] The *ware adaequationis*, as frequently in proverbs in which a comparison is expressed. Usually in such cases ^b is compared to ^a (as Pr. 25²⁵ מֵאֲרֵץ מִרְחָק טוֹבָה עֵינֶיךָ וְשִׁמְעוּךָ מִן־הַיָּם; but occasionally, as here, ^a is compared to ^b (so c. 12¹¹ 21³³). See *Lex.* 253a.

רשף [בני רשף] is a poet. word for *flame*, esp. a *pointed, darting flame*, Dt. 32²⁴ (see note), Ps. 76⁴ (רשפי קשת, fig. for *arrows*), 78⁴⁸, Ca. 8⁶ (רשפיה רשפי אש שלחבתיה) †; and בני רשף is poet. for *sparks*; cf. בן קשת, Job 41²⁰; בני אשפתו, La. 3¹³, fig. for *arrows* (*Lex.* 121, 6, 8). An ancient interpretation—perh. on account of עוף—took רשף to mean *birds*: so Ἐνεοσσοὶ δὲ γυπτός, Ἄ καὶ υἱοὶ πτηνοῦ, Σ τὰ τέκνα τῶν πετεινῶν, & חַבִּיטִּים, ὕ avis; Ἐ' אֲשֶׁר in Dt. 32²⁴; Σ in Ps. 76⁴ (Jer. volatilia arcus); ἈΣ Jer. (volucris) in Ps. 78⁴⁸.

יִשָּׁר לָבֶת lit. "make flying high": so Pr. 15²¹ לָבֶת יִשָּׁר, 30²⁰ לָבֶת מִטְבִּי; G-K. 114m, n.

8. דְּבָרָה [דְּבָרָתִי] elsewhere only = *manner*, Ps. 110⁴, and in דְּבָרָת on account of . . . Qoh. 3¹⁸ 8², 'עַל דְּבָרָת שֶׁ' 7¹⁴; (Aram.) דִּי, Dn. 2³⁰ 4¹⁴ †.

9. [ואין חקר] a circumst. clause; cf. ואין מספר, Ps. 104²⁵ 105³⁴, Jl. 1⁶. Ἐ ἀνεξιχνίαστα, as 9¹⁰ 34²⁴ †; cf. Ro. 11³³.

'עד אין מ' as 9¹⁰, Ps. 40¹³.

10. [חוצות חין] is usually what is *outside* houses, *i.e.* a *street*; but sometimes it is what is *outside* a town or village, *i.e.* an *open field*: cf. 18¹⁷ חין על פני חין, Ps. 144¹³, Pr. 8²⁶.

11. [לשום וג'] to "make the lowly exalted" cannot possibly be a consequence of giving *rain* (v.¹⁰); nor is it easy to regard ¹¹ as the consequence of ⁹, and ¹⁰ as parenthetical. Read השם with Ε τὸν ποιοῦντα, V qui ponit.

[שגבר ישע] שגב is to *be exalted*, with the collat. idea of *being inaccessible*: in Qal only here and Dt. 2³⁶ לא היתה קריה לא אשר שננה ממנו; שגב, to *set on high*, often in Psalms. Cf. משנב, a *high inaccessible retreat*. ישע = *in safety* (G-K. 117²).

12. [תשׁיח] *sound counsel*. תשׁיח (or תשׁיח) is a technical term, belonging almost exclusively, and, as it seems primarily, to the "Wisdom literature." Its etymology and *exact* meaning are both uncertain. In form it is of the *tuktilat* type (Kö. ii. 193^b), combining at the same time the peculiarities of תונה and תאניה. The following are its occurrences, with the renderings of the chief ancient Versions:

Jb. 5¹² וידיהם לא תעשינה תי, ויריהם, Ε ἀληθές, S חכמה, T מלכת מלכות (the counsel of their wisdom), V quod coeperant (paraphr.).

6¹³ נדחה ממני *הנה *אין עזרתי בי ות' נדחה ממני Ε βοήθεια, S פורקא (salvation, deliverance), T חוכמתא, V necessarii mei (paraphr.).

11⁶ [rd. פלאים] [rd. פלאים] Ε ὅτι διπλοῦς ἔσται τὼν κατὰ σέ, S לחכמתא, T לחוכמתא, V lex eius.

12¹⁶ עמו עז ות' לו שונג ומשנה Ε ἰσχύς, Θ σωτηρία, S חכמתא, T חוכמתא, V sapientia.

26³ מהיעצת ללא חכמה ות' לרב הודעת Ε τίνι ἐπακολουθήσεις, S יולפנא (teaching), T חוכמתא, V prudentiam tuam.

30²² (Qrē תשׁיח תשועה) ותכונני תשועה (Kt. תשועה, corrupt; rd. תשׁיח): Ε καὶ ἀπέρριψάς με ἀπὸ σωτηρίας. ΕSUV do not recognize תשׁיח here at all; see note *ad loc.*

Pr. 27 כי יהוה יתן חכמה כפיו דעת ותבונה: יעצן לישירים ה' מן להלכי תם Ε σωτηρίαν, S סכרא (hope), T בהי (βοήθεια: Levy, ChWB 83^b), V salutem.

3²¹ וּמוֹמָה ת' נָעַר ת': Ε βουλὴν, Σ ὠλפנא, Τ מדעא (*knowledge*),
 Y legem.

8¹⁴ לִי עֵצָה וְת' אֲנִי בִינָה לִי נְבוּרָה Ε ἀσφάλεια, 'Α εὐνομία, Σ
 וּלְפָנָא, Τ מִלְכָּנָא (*counsel*), Y æquitas.

18¹ בְּכֹל ת' יִהְיֶה עֵצָה Ε ἐν παντί δὲ καιρῷ, Σ בִּיּוֹלְפָנָא טבא, Τ
 מִלְכָּנָא (*counsel*), Y omni tempore.

Is. 28²⁹ עֵצָה הַגְדִּיל ת' Ε ὑψώσατε ματαίαν παρά-
 κλησιν (seemingly connected with נָפַץ), 'Α εὐνομίαν, Σ
 σωτηρίαν, Θ ἰσχύν, Σ תְּרִבִּיתָא (*increase* of disciples: PS. 3793),
 Τ who made great the works of creation by the greatness of
 his *wisdom* (חֲכָמָתִי), Y iustitiam.

Mic. 6⁹ יְרָאָה שְׂמַךְ ת': Ε καὶ σώσει φοβουμένους (יְרָאָה) τὸ
 ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, Σ וּלְפָנָא לְדַחֲלֵי שְׂמָה, Τ Hark! Yahweh's prophets
 cry out to the city, and *teach* (וּלְפָנָא) them that fear thy name,
 Y et *salus* erit timentibus nomen tuum.

חֲשִׁיָּה is thus most frequently associated, or parallel, with
 wisdom, or (26³, Pr. 8¹⁴, Is. 28²⁹) counsel, sometimes also with
 help (6¹³) or strength (12¹⁶, cf. Pr. 8¹⁴); but it also suggests
 the practical *effects* of wisdom or counsel (hence the renderings
 βοήθεια, σωτηρία, which need not presuppose תְּשׁוּעָה for חֲשִׁיָּה,
 פּוֹרֶקֶנָא). The etym. is uncertain.

K. J. Grimm (*Journ. Am. Or. Soc.*, 1901, i. 35 ff.), following
 Haupt (*ib.* p. 36), derives חֲשִׁיָּה from the √ of Ass. *issu*, *usātu*,
prop, *support*; *asitu*, *pillar* (= Talm. Mand. אֲשִׁיתָא; cf. אֲשִׁיּוּתָהּ,
 Jer. 50¹⁵ Qrê, and *Lex.* 1121a), *âsû*, *physician* (*prop. helper*;
 hence Aram. אֲסָא, ܐܣܐ, to *heal*; and supposes that its
 original meaning was *prop*, *support*, which he thinks is still
 retained in Jb. 30²² (reading with Θ Du. מִחֲשִׁיָּה, *without*
support: see *ad loc.*), and that it afterwards acquired the
 senses of *help* (12¹⁶, Is. 28²⁹), *success* (5¹²), *power* (Pr. 8¹⁴ 18¹),
reliability (11⁶ 26³, Pr. 3²¹): in Mic. 6⁹ he reads with Ε יְרָאָה
 שְׂמַךְ יְרָאָה. But such a variety of meanings, many within the
 limits of a single book, is not probable. A survey of its
 occurrences suggests the conclusion that חֲשִׁיָּה, while a syn-
 onym of *wisdom* and *counsel*, suggests something more than
 either of these words; and that the nearest English equivalent
 for it would be *effective counsel* or *effective wisdom*. If the

✓ idea is really *support*, we must suppose that it was applied specially to a *supporting* or *helping* quality of mind.

14. [כלילה] = "as in the night," a prep. being used after כ only in certain very exceptional cases: see G-K. 118s, u.

[ימששו] without dag. G-K. 20m.

15. The two clauses are so unevenly balanced that there must be an error somewhere. Ew. מַחֲרֵב, *him that has been desolated*; but this verb is used only of places and cities, never of a person. The least change would be to read, with some 20 MSS, שֶׁחַרְבָּם מִפִּיהֶם for מִפִּיהֶם, *from the sword of their mouth* (fig. for slander, false accusation, etc.; cf. Ps. 57⁵ וְשׁוֹנֵם חָרֵב וְשׁוֹנֵם חָרֵב, 59⁸ חֲרָבוֹת בִּשְׁפֹתוֹתֵיהֶם, 64⁴): but to produce a balanced parallelism a syn. of אֲבִיּוֹן is required. The best suggestion is Bu.'s מִחֲרָבָם יָחֵם (for the יָחֵם see 24⁹ 29¹²), or (which he himself prefers) יָחֵם מִפִּיהֶם (the three letters יחם having dropped out of the group מִפִּיהֶם מִחֲרָבָם, and then מִחֲרָב supplied for the missing word in the wrong place). Ehrl. מִחֲרָב פִּיפִיּוֹת (Ps. 149⁶).

16. עֲלִיתָהּ (mil'el)] The old accus., found (in the fem.) about 14 times in Heb., as a poet. form (without any consciousness of its orig. grammatical force): G-K. 90g עֲלִיתָהּ is for עֲלִיתָהּ: cf. Ps. 92¹⁶ Kt., and the plu. עֲלִיּוֹת, Ps. 58³ 64⁷].

18. . . . כִּי הוּא] The pron. emphatic in the causal clause: 11¹¹ 28²⁴, Gn. 3²⁰ al. (1 S. 14¹⁸; Lex. 215a).

[יכאיב] For כָּאַב, of the pain, or soreness, from a wound, cf. Gn. 34²⁵.

[יִחְבֹּשׁ] in pause from יִחְבֹּשׁ (G-K. 63d).

[תִּרְפִּינָה] from רָפָא=רָפָה: G-K. 75qq.

19. בְּשֵׁשׁ] Ἐξ ἑξακκων, *"from six . . ."* This may point to a reading בְּשֵׁשׁ (Be. Du.); but the change is not necessary: 'ב followed by 'ב in ^b is an effective repetition; and Ἐ may have merely rendered freely.

20. פֶּדָךְ] The pf. of certitude (Dr. 14γ; G-K. 106m).

21. בִּשְׁוֹט] 1 MS Ἐξ ἑξ, בִּשְׁוֹט, *"From the scourge,"* etc. A necessary correction. Confusion of ב and מ is common: Ἐ often expresses one (not always rightly) where MT. has the other. There was a stage in the history of the Heb. script in

which the two letters closely resembled each other (*Notes on Samuel²*, p. lxvii). To explain בְּשׁוֹט as = בְּהִיּוֹת שׁוֹט is forced.

22. [בשן] 30³ †. Aram. for Heb. רעב (e.g. Gn. 12¹⁰ ט).

23. [השרדה] האדמה (Du.) [or הארץ with 2 MSS ^{Ken.}] would be more elegant before השרה in ^b [cf. 8³ n.].

הַשְׁלִיכָה †] pass. of השלים, *make peaceful*, Pr. 16⁷. Gr. ἡσυχία (22²¹).

24. שָׁלוֹם *is peace*: a subst., where we should use an adj.; so Gn. 43²⁷ אָנֹכִי הַשְׁלָמָה, c. 21⁹ בַּתְּחִלָּה שָׁלוֹם טָפַחַד, and frequently; also with other words. See Dr. 186-9, esp. 189. 2; G-K. 141c.

וְלֹא תִחַטָּא [חטא has here its primary physical meaning of *miss*, which it has also in Jg. 20¹⁶ וְלֹא יִחַטָּא, “and would not *cause it to miss*”; Pr. 8³⁶ חָטְאִי חֲמִס נַפְשִׁי, “he that *misseth* me injureth his own soul”; 19² אֵין בְּרַגְלִים הוּטָא, 20² (הוּטָא נַפְשִׁי) = *forfeits* his own soul (life): so Hab. 2¹⁰). The √ has the same meaning in Arabic (conj. ii. and iv.); in Eth. it means to *fail to find* or *to have*, to *be without* (as Ja. 1^{4.5}). חטא, to *sin* (like ἀμαρτάνειν) is thus properly to *miss* the right mark.

25. [צאצאִיךְ] 21⁸ 27¹⁴ 31⁸, Is. 22²⁴ 44³ 48¹⁹ 61⁹ 65²³; of the product of the earth, Is. 34¹ 42⁵ †.

26. [בלח] 30² בלח אבר עלימו †. An enigmatic word. The √ is known otherwise only in Arab., in which *kalaha* is to *contract* the face, to look *hard and stern* (Lane, 2628); in conj. iii. to show oneself *hard and firm* against another; *kulah* also is a *hard* year (from dearth or famine); and *dahr^{an} kālīh^{an}* is a *hard, distressing* time. These data suggest the meaning *firm strength, vigour* (with unimpaired powers, without any long and weakening illness: cf. for the thought, 21^{23f.}), which would also suit 30². And if the text is correct, this, or something like this, is, with our present knowledge, the only meaning that we can give it. The Vrss. merely guess: G om. (^a ὥσπερ κτλ. being really a doublet of ^b: v. Be.); S בִּלְחָלָל (connecting doubtless with √ בָּלָה); E in abundantia; in 30² G om.; Θ συντέλεια

(בָּלָה); 𐤁𐤀𐤎𐤁𐤏 (as if בָּלִיפֶת?); 𐤁𐤀𐤎𐤁𐤏, *grave* (v. Levy); Ἀ παντελής; Σ πᾶν τὸ πρὸς ζώην; 𐤁𐤀𐤎𐤁𐤏 omnis vita. The Rabb. are evidently influenced by √ בָּלָה: Ra. במלאת התבואה; IE כשבשילח כל צורכה; QI. עת זקנה; hence EVV. *a full age* (30² RV. *ripe age*, but RVm. *vigour*). Di. (*volle Reife*) attempts to place the connexion with √ בָּלָה on a philological basis, by assuming בָּלָה to be a harder form of בָּלָה, *Vollendung*: but בָּלָה is “Vollendung” in the sense of *complete destruction*; and the entire explanation from √ בָּלָה is most precarious. Be.^K בָּחִילָךְ (cf. 21⁷); Me. בָּלָח; Che. (*JQR* ix. 576) better בָּלָח (Dt. 34⁷).

27. [חֲקַרְנִיהָ בְּיָהִיא] The dag. in בְּיָ is not acc. to rule, the tone on בְּיָהִיא not being on the first syll. (QI. *Michlol* (ed. Lyck), 80b, l. 10-14; Baer, *Prov.* p. xiii f. (§ 7), in his *Rules of Daghesh*; cf. Kö. i. 63.)

[שמענה] 𐤇𐤌𐤍𐤁𐤏, *hear (thou) it*; but the emphatic pronoun suggests that the change of person from the 1st per. pl. of line *a* takes place not in the first, but in the second, clause of line *b*. Point, therefore, with 𐤇𐤌𐤍𐤁𐤏.]

CHAPTER VI.

2. שָׁקַל יִשְׁקַל] emphasizing the idea of *weighed*. For this inf. Qal beside the Nif., see G-K. 113w. Ἐ ἐὶ γάρ τις ἰστῶν στήσαι = שָׁקַל לוֹ שֶׁקֶל (G-K. 144e).

הִיָּתִי Qrê הִיָּתִי, as everywhere else in Kt. (30¹³ in the sing.; 6³⁰ and elsewhere in the pl.). The *hawā'* in Arab. means to *gape* (of a wound or the mouth); *hawwāl*^u is a *yawning deep, chasm, abyss*; so Syr. ܐܠܫܐܘܬܐ (e.g. Lk. 16²⁶ for *χάσμα*): hence הִיָּתִי would seem to mean properly a *yawning gulf*; fig. *engulfing ruin, destruction, or calamity*. So (with various *nuances*) v. 30 30¹³, Ps. 5¹⁰ 38¹³ 52^{4, 9} (but rd. here הוֹנֵה) 55¹² 57² 91³ 94²⁰, Pr. 17⁴ 19¹³.

יִשְׂאוּ sc. הַנִּשְׂאוֹת; as explained on 4¹⁹ = *are lifted up, laid*. [But Ἐ ἀραι may point to a reading יִשָּׂא (to be construed according to G-K. 144d), which is, perhaps, metrically preferable.]

3. כִּי עֵתָה] “for then” (= in that case), as 3¹³ 13¹⁹, Nu. 22²⁹.

לִעֲוִי (*mil'el*) This would come naturally only from לוֹעַ, to *swallow up*, which yields no sense: לוֹ, however, means to *speak rashly* (cf. *laghaw*^{un}, *rashness* in an oath, Qor. 2²²⁵, *rash*, or *empty word*, 52²³; 23³ = βαπτολογία in prayer), and this yields a suitable sense: though לוֹעַ might, very exceptionally (Ew. 92e; G-K. 75m), come from לוֹעַ, it is better to change the place of the tone and read לוֹעַ.

4. עִמָּדִי] see, on the idiomatic use, on 9³⁵. Or perhaps (Du.) *with me* is used in a physical sense, the fig. being that of arrows with their points lodged in his flesh, and the shafts protruding around him, hence “with”: cf. Ἐ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου. In any case, “*within me*” (EV.) is incorrect.

יִעְרַכְנוּ From ערך, *set in order, array* (sc. מלחמה), with מלחמה omitted, as Jg. 20^{30, 33}, 1 S. 4², and the sf. poetically in the accus. (for עלי or לקראתי); G-K. 117x; Kō. iii. § 22. So יִסְדְּרוֹן לִקְבִּלִי, *Y militant contra me*; the same reading is also presupposed by סִדְרָתִּי (ל. סִדְרָתִּי). *Ἐκκενδοσίν με* (*ἔ* stimulant me) = ? יַעְרִיקוּנִי (30^{3, 17}†), *gnaw me*; so Me. Sgf. Still the ellipse, with the accus. sf. -נִי, is certainly harsh; and Di. ("possibly"), Wr. Bu. Ch. (*JQR* ix. 574), Be. Du. St. יַעְרִיקוּנִי, *undo me*, may well be right. עָכַר (Jos. 6¹⁸ 7²⁵, Jg. 11³⁵, 1 K. 18^{17, 18} al.) is a strong word (Moore on Judg. l.c.), much more than "trouble" (EVV.), to *make turbid* (Arab. 'akira, *to be turbid*), fig. for *destroy the happiness of, undo*.

5. נִהַק 30⁷ † [also in Ar. and Jewish Aram.].

[גִּעְהָ] 1 S. 6¹² †; also in Aram.]

יַעֲלִי Poet. for על: 15 times in Job, and about 25 times elsewhere (*Lex.* 752b).

בִּלְיִל 24⁶, Is. 30²⁴ †. Syr. ܒܠܝܠ in the same sense (PS. 535).

6. תַּפְּלָה *what is tasteless, insipid*: cf. on תַּפְּלָה, 1²⁷.

מִבְּלִי see on 4²⁰.

בְּרִיר חֲלֵמוֹת [in the slime (1 S. 21¹⁴ of saliva) of purslain;

נִפְלֵאָן (PS. 1284), *purslain*; called in Ar. *hamqā*, the foolish plant, "because exuding mucilage, so that it is likened to the 'ahmaq (idiot), whose saliva is flowing" (Lane, *Arab. Lex.* 646b; cf. Ges. *Thes.* 480). *Ἐ¹ בחלבון ביעהא וחלמונא*, *Ἐ² ברירא דחלמונא*. According to the Rabbis חלבון (or חלבן) is the *white* of an egg, and חלמון (or חלמן) the *yolk* (see Ges. *Thes.* 480; Levy, s.v. חלמון); and so they explain חֲלֵמוֹת as meaning the *yolk*, and בְּרִיר חֲלֵמוֹת as the *slime of the yolk*, i.e. the *white* (hence EVV. "the white of an egg"). But this is very artificial and improbable. *Ἐ ἐν ῥήμασιν κενοῖς* = בְּדִבְרֵי חֲלֵמוֹת, "in words of dreams": so Klo., improbably. Ch. (*EB* iii. 3984) for the whole verse would read, cleverly but needlessly, הָאֵכַל פָּתִי בְּעֵלֵי מֵלֶחֶם אִם אֶשְׁתֶּה מִרְק חֲלֵמוֹת, "shall I eat my morsel with leaves of mallow, or drink broth of purslain?"

7a. לַנְנוּע [G-K. 66b;] Ἑ παύσασθαι, *i.e.* (Du.) לַרְנוּע or לַרְנוּע (G-K. 539, 514), which Du. adopts, placing the hemistich after 4'.

7b. As the text stands, "They (*i.e.* such sufferings as these) are like sickness (*st. c.* of דָּי; Ps. 41⁴ עָרִשׁ דָּי; cf. דֵּי from דֵּי) of my food"; *i.e.* they are loathsome to me as if my food were diseased. But הָמָה has no proper antecedent, and the whole sentence is expressed unnaturally. Bu., plausibly, adopting וְהָיָה (from Wr. (cf. Ἑ βρώμω, which points to the same consonants), and reading דֵּי for כְּדֵי: "It loathes the sickness of my food (my diseased food)," fig. for the sufferings, which, like repulsive food, Job has to accept at God's hands. Aram. הָיָה is to *be foul*, Pa., in Syriac, to *make foul*; in Heb., c. 33²⁰ (see note), to *declare, treat as* (G-K. 529), *find, foul* = to *loathe*. [McN. suggests וְהָיָה חֲבִי לְחֵמִי.] Ἑ has βρώμω (rd. with 3 MSS βρώμω) γὰρ ὁρῶ τὰ σῆμά μου ὥσπερ ὀσμὴν λέοντος, whence Me. בְּרִיחַ יִשְׁחַל, and Be. (לְבִיא) בְּרִיחַ, *like the odour of a lion*, with allusion to the offensive odour of the lion, or (Be.) of the lion's flesh, which was noticed by the ancients (Bochart, *Hieroz.* i. 744). But the comparison cannot be said to be probable. Du., who (*v. supr.*) puts 7^a after 4^c, would read for 7^b הָמָה כְּדֵי חֲלִמֹן, which he supposes to be an Aram. gloss on 6^b הַלְמוֹת, "that means now the yolk of an egg," which was made by the translators of Ἑ into לְבִיא בְּרִיחַ. Clever, but precarious and improbable.

8. [תבוא] So 13⁵ 14¹³. Ἑ תבוא, as 19²³. On the construction of יתן, *v.* further, G-K. 151b, d; *Lex.* 678b, f.

[ותקוּתִי] Ἑ Hu. Me. Du. וְתַחֲוִי: *v. supr.*

9. [יֵאֵל] *be willing, consent*: *v.* Moore, *Judges*, p. 47; *Lex.* 384a.

[וידכאני] G-K. 120d.

[יָתַר] *i.e.* give his hand full play. Elsewhere of *loosening* the thongs of a yoke, Is. 58⁶, and *setting free* prisoners, Ps. 105²⁰ 146⁷.

10. [עור] 3 MSS Ἑ Saad. read עֹר for עֹר (so Du.; Bu. thinks possible); but it may be due to a reminiscence of Ps. 119⁵⁰.

[נְחֻמָּה] so Ps. 119⁵⁰, from נְחֻמָּה (for נְחֻמָּה: G-K. 22c;

ואעלסה, *I would exult* (cf. ט, above), is not a too violent emendation of אסלרה to be reasonably adopted (so, as I afterwards discovered, Gr.).

לחמל לא יחמל] 26 MSS, ט, Be. ולא יחמל: so 16¹³ 27²², but after another vb. with the same subject. חילה (the prepositive *tifha* not marking the tone) may be either *mil'el*, and so = חיל by G-K. 90f, "in the anguish that spareth not" (Hi.; so Du., but reading the normal חיל), or *milra'*, a *fem.* form of חל (not elsewhere), "in anguish, (wherein) he spareth not" (Ew. § 331c, Di. De. Bu.). Either constr. is possible; the former is simpler, notwithstanding (De.) that לחמל has always elsewhere a *personal* subject.

12. נחוש] an adj., only here. *Vid.* the next note.

13. האם תמנו לגוץ] Elsewhere only Nu. 17²⁸ האם תמנו לגוץ, *i.e.* apparently, "Shall we ever have finished dying?" (Dr. 19. 2; *Lex.* 50b). אם in a question is *Num?* and always expects the answer *No*: EVV. *Is it not . . . ?* which the sense requires, is consequently an impossible rendering. The text must thus be at fault. ש אלא וס, ו Ecce, non est . . . , which point to הנה אין (Be.; Bu. alt.): Du., merely dividing the words differently הנה אין, Behold (Gn. 47²³, Ezk. 16⁴³ † common in Aram., as הא), of nought (Is. 41²⁴) is my help within me; but the rarity of הא in Heb. renders this uncertain. Gr., very plausibly, for האם נחוש: גם, נחוש: האם, נחוש being a *subst.*, 28² al., and G-K. 141d). Hi. Bu. (text) take אם as *if*, assuming an aposiopesis: "Am (I to wait), if . . . ?" *i.e.* "What, if" (or "Even if," Bu.) "my help is not in me," etc. But this is forced.

עזרתה] Be. Bu. עזרתה (Ps. 44²⁷; G-K. 90g).

תושיה] *Vid.* on 5¹². Ἐσωτηρία, שׁוּמָוָה; but, though תושיה would be suitable, it is doubtful if these renderings presuppose it (*v.* p. 31).

14. Hard and uncertain. מָס † adj. from מָסַם, of the same form as מָס (Stade, § 193b, 3), lit. *one melting away*, *i.e.* failing, collapsing, despairing; cf. the / in נָמַס, often of the heart, to *give way*, *lose courage*: perhaps indeed (Bu.) לָמָס should be read. מָס would naturally mean: "Kindness belongeth (is

due) to him that is in despair, and that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty" (יעוב . . . continuing לָמַס; cf. Is. 5²³ 46⁶ etc.: G-K. 116x; Dr. 117); but Job would then be ascribing to himself failing faith too distinctly: *even though he forsook* (Di. Bu.) is not what $\mathfrak{H}$ expresses, as Bu. virtually admits, when he says that נָם (for כִּי נָם), or וְהוּא, for ! would be more distinct: and *else might he* (RVm.) gives ! an impossible sense. $\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{U}$ for לָמַס have $\mathfrak{N}\mathfrak{L}$, Qui tollit (= מִנֵּעַ; Be. הַפֹּיֵשׁ, *He that removeth* (מִיֵּשׁ, trans., as Zec. 3⁹),—palæographically easier, but not expressing the right idea), and וְיִרְאָה for וְיִרְאָה ($\mathfrak{T}$ also has דִּמְנַע for לָמַס), i.e. "He that withholdeth kindness from his friend, forsaketh the fear of the Almighty"; Du. gets the same general sense, but by a less satisfactory way. Hi. De. understand חֶסֶד in its Aram. sense of *shame, reproach* (Lv. 20¹⁷, Pr. 14³⁴ †; חֶסֶד Pr. 25¹⁰ †): "If reproach come to one in despair from his friend, he will forsake the fear of the Almighty": but the hypoth. sense (without a verb in the first clause) is very doubtfully expressed (see the types without a hypoth. particle, in Dr. 148, 152-155); and the thought of what Job would do in such a case leads on to nothing in the sequel. Ew. conjectured that two lines had dropped out: "Kindness is (due) from his friend to him that is in despair [and compassion from his brother to him that is afflicted of God; that he succumb not to the pain of his heart,] and forsake the fear of the Almighty." This yields an excellent sense: those who think it too bold must, in view of the difficulties attaching to $\mathfrak{H}$, acquiesce in the reading of $\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{U}$.

15. כַּאֲפִיק נַחֲלִים יַעֲבֵרוּ Du. כַּאֲפִיקִים, omitting נַחֲלִים as an error due to נַחַל in ^a, and as not in $\mathfrak{C}$. But $\mathfrak{C}$ has (after בְּנֵרו $\omega\sigma\pi\epsilon\rho$ χερμάρρους ἐκλείπων (אֲפִס for כַּאֲפִק, Be.; Is. 29²⁰ $\mathfrak{C}$), $\eta\omega\sigma\pi\epsilon\rho$ κύμα ($\mathfrak{A}$ $\mathfrak{S}$ κύματα = כְּנָלִים, Be.) παρηλθόν με, and found therefore letters representing נַחֲלִים. Bu. conj. כַּאֲפִיקִי מִים (Ps. 42², Jl. 1²⁰, Ca. 5¹²), which reads well, but is not necessary [though such a repetition of the same term in parallel lines as occurs in $\mathfrak{H}$ is open to some suspicion: see Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, pp. 255 n. and 295].

יַעֲבֵרוּ $\mathfrak{p}$ *pass away* (as 11¹⁶ 30¹⁵), Hr. De. Da. Hi. Bu.;

overflow (as Is. 8⁷), Di. Du.; the former is the better parallel to ^a.

16. [מני] poet. for מן : 19 times in Job and 13 times elsewhere (+ מני, Is. 30^{11, 11} †).

17. [בַּעַת] *st. c.*, before the foll. rel. clause (G-K. 130d, 155l: cf. Dt. 32³⁵).

[יוֹרֵב] Pu. from יָרַב, apparently a by-form of צָרַב, Ezk. 21³ † (צָרַב, Pr. 16²⁷ †; צָרַבְתָּ, Lv. 13^{23, 28} †): cf. זָעַק and זָעַקָה, RVm. *shrink* connects it with Syr. *وَضَمَّ*, to *press close, compress, compressit; coarctavit*, so some older scholars, as J. D. Mich., Eichhorn, Umbreit, Friedr. Delitzsch, *Prolegg.* 36 f., and in his transl. (1902) ("bedrängt").

[בָּחֹמוֹ] "when it is hot," as אֹר, "it becomes light," 1 S 29¹⁰; וְלֹא יִהְיֶה לוֹ, 1 K. 1¹ (G-K. 144c, cf. *b*); but there is no other case of the "it" being represented by an explicit pron., and Bu. may be right in condemning it as a "Germanism," and in reading וְנִדְעֻבּוּ בָּחֹמָה (constr. as Gn. 31⁸, Ex. 1¹⁹, of reiteration in past or present time, and often of an occurrence in the future, as Gn. 3⁵, Ex. 16⁶; Dr. 123β; G-K. 11200). Be. in v^a וְנִצְמָחוּ (Is. 35⁷ 49¹⁰ †) בָּעֵת שֶׁיָּרֵב.

[נִצְמָחוּ] the *Nif.*, as 23¹⁷ †. The verb is poet. for *bring to an end, cut off completely*, e.g. Ps. 18⁴¹ וְנִשְׁנְאוּ אֲצִמָּתָם, 101^{5, 8}. Cf. צִמְחוּ, Lv. 25^{23, 30} †, of the *complete cutting off* (permanent alienation) of land.

18. [וּלְפָתוֹ אֲרָחוֹת דְּרָכָם] לפת (Jg. 16²⁹ (to *wring round*), Ru. 3⁸ †) = Arab. *lafata*, to *twist or wring, to turn aside, or divert*, from anything (Lane, 2665); hence ~~the~~ the paths of their (the wadys') way *twist*, or *wind themselves about* (so De. Da. Hi. Bu.). Ew. Ol. Di. Sgf. Du. אֲרָחוֹת דְּרָכָם (or וּלְפָתוֹ, *caravans* (אֲרָחָה, a *travelling company*, v. 19 (rd. אֲרָחוֹת), Gn. 37²⁵, Is. 21¹³ †: the fem. by G-K. 122s) *twist aside, divert*, their course.

[יֵעָלוּ בַּתָּה] for עלה in the sense of *go up and disappear*, cf. Ex. 16¹⁴ (of *dew*), Is. 5²⁴ וּפְרָחָם כֹּאבֵק יֵעָלָה, Ps. 102²⁵ (Hif.) אֶל-הַעֲלִי.

19. [אֲרָחוֹת] rd. אֲרָחוֹת; see on v. 18.

[הַלִּיכּוֹת] elsewhere = *going(s)*: Ps. 68²⁵, Pr. 31²⁷, Nah. 2⁶, Hab. 3⁶ †.

לְקוּי לְמִי] either *waited for them* (3⁹: so Di. Du. Bu.); or *waited fondly* (Ew. Schl. Hi. De. in note), לְ being the reflexive ל (as 12¹¹ etc.: *Lex.* 516a; G-K. 119s) indicating how they *satisfied themselves* with the hope, *fed themselves* upon it. Hi. “Der Dativ wirft die Handlung auf das Subj. zurück, ausdrückend, dass sie mit dieser Hoffnung sich selbst hinhalten.”

20.]בַּטָּח rd. בַּטָּח: there are many such cases of a ו being accidentally omitted, or added, by error: cf. on 1 S. 9⁴ 12⁵ 13¹⁹ 15¹⁶; G-K. 145u.

]עֲרִידָה the fem. sf., if correct, will refer to נְהָלִים construed collectively as a fem. (G-K. 135p, cf. 145k): but this is hardly natural; and prob. עֲרִידָה should be read.

21.]כִּי עֲתָה הֵייתָם לוֹ is the Western reading; the Or. reading is לֹא with Qrê לוֹ (Baer, 37, 56): ⲓⲉⲛⲧⲉⲛ, Saad. follow Or.; ⲓⲉⲛⲧⲉⲛ express לוֹ. (a) לוֹ can only be rendered “now are ye become *that*” (viz. a deceptive נַחַל); but this is forced and improbable; Gr. expresses this sense better by the conjecture לְמִי־כִמִּיָּהֶם, *are ye like* (Is. 1⁹ al.) *unto them*? (b) לֹא is adopted by Schl. De. Hi. “now are ye become *nothing*”: cf. בְּלֹא חִשְׁבִּין (= בְּלֹא), Dn. 4³² (where, however, it is better to construe “are as *men not accounted of*”: v. Bevan), and לֹא־לָא, c. 24²⁵. But this meaning for לֹא is against all analogy: 1 K. 3²¹, Is. 15⁶, Jer. 5¹², Ezk. 21^{32.18}, Pr. 19⁷, cited by De., do not support it; nor does Kön. ii. 236f. succeed in showing it to be probable. And ⲓⲉⲛⲧⲉⲛ is not (as often quoted) הֵייתָם כֵּלָא (as though כֵּלָא were = “as *nothing*”), but אַרְוִם כֵּדֵן הֵייתָם כֵּלָא, “Ye are now become, *as if you had not been*” (cf. Ob. 16 והיו כֵּלָא היו). This sense would be properly expressed by (c) לֹא־לִי (cf. Is. 40¹⁷ נִגְדוּ לִי, 23 הֵנֻחַן רוּנִים לֵאמֹן); so Bö. Di., though לִי לֵאמֹן would be more pointed. It is best (d), adopting לוֹ from ⲓⲉⲛⲧⲉⲛ, and כִּי for כִּי from Houb. and J. D. Mich., to read with Ew. Ol. Bu. Pe. “*So are ye now become unto me*”: you are as useless to me now as the dried up wady is to those who expected refreshment from it.

]תִּירָאוּ Some MSS and edd., including even Baer (p. 37), תִּירָאוּ, *ye fear*—a scribal error (De.), producing an intolerable tautology with וְתִירָאוּ.

חַתָּה †] elsewhere we have חַת (41²⁵), חַתָּה (Gn. 35⁵), and חַתִּית (Ezk. †).

22. [חֲכִי] Is it that . . . ? בי adds force and distinctness to the question which follows: so 2 S. 9¹, Gn. 27³⁶ 29¹⁶ †. Cf. בי אַךְ, etc.: *v. Lex.* 472a.

פָּחַקְכֶם] as Pr. 5¹⁰. חִיל is more common in this application.

[שִׁחֲדוֹ] G-K. 64a.

24. [לִי] sq. ל, as Dn. 8¹⁶, הָבֵן לְהֵלֹךְ אֶת הַמְּרֹאֶה; absol. Dn. 11³³, 2 Ch. 35³. Cf. on 5².

25. [נִמְרָצוּ] The √ מִרַץ occurs in Heb. only here, 16³ חָבֵל נִמְרָץ, קָלֵלָה נִמְרָצָה 1 K. 2⁸, Mic. 2¹⁰ נִמְרָצוּ עֵינֵינוּ חֲזָקָה וְתִקְוָה (Book of Roots, s.v.) the meaning *strong* (חֲזָקָה, חֲזָק) suits (superficially), 1 K. 2⁸ (AVm. “Heb. *strong*”), Mic. 2¹⁰, and therefore it suits this verse; “strong” words are, of course, “forcible” words (see another instance of the same Rabb. method of argument on 28¹⁸). But “strong” has no philol. basis; and De. explains “eindringlich” only by very questionable etym. combinations and assumptions. *Ges. Thes.* “*acria, i.e. valida victricia verba*”; but this rests on the assumption of Cocceius and Simonis that מִרַץ (properly *acer fuit*, and then *vehemens fuit*) is a metathesis of מִרַץ, to be sour, acid; Di.’s *gereizt* (irritated, provoked, stirred up) is a meaning both doubtful and unsuitable; and “irritating” (Peake) is in addition inconsistent with the Nif. form. No sense agreeable to the context can thus be extracted from the √ מִרַץ. Recourse must therefore be had to emendation; and נִמְלָצוּ, “How *smooth* (pleasant) . . .” (Ps. 119¹⁰³), may be safely adopted (cf. בְּפִימִיָּהוּ). So, only attaching this sense to נִמְרָצוּ, Rashi, Schult. Ew. (a harder pronunciation for

(נמלצו), Hrzs. Schl.; but it is better to *read* נמלצו (so Gr. Du. Che.).

26. [להוכיח] G-K. 65f, 69v.

[לרוח] To obtain parallelism Be.^T suggests substituting for לרוח an inf. parallel to להוכיח in v.^{26a}—ליסר or לרדף (cf. Pr. 19⁷) rather than לריוח (= להריח). McN. suggests לריב (followed by acc. of obj. as in 10², Is. 27⁸).]

27a. תפילו הפיל הוֹרֵל has the support of 1 S. 14⁴²; but Ἐπιπίπτετε, Ὑ irruitis, Saad.; and so Bi. Be. Du. תפלו, “Will ye even *fall upon* the fatherless?” Bi. Gr. Du. would further read על תם (or עלִי תם) for על יתום, “Will ye even fall upon the *blameless one* (i.e. myself: 1¹)?” but על יתום implies the more caustic reproach.

27b. תברו על ברה is to *buy* (Dt. 2⁶, Hos. 3²); to *buy over* may be thought a singular expression for *make a bargain over, make merchandise of*; but it is supported by 40³⁰ יכרו עליו חֲבָרִים יחצוהו בין כנענים. Ἐνέαλλεσθε, whence Me. Bi.² Be., following Schult., תברו from פָּרַר = Arab. *karra*, of a warrior, to *turn back* against (على), of a horse or horseman, to *wheel about*, and *return* to the fight, of night or day, to *return* (Lane, 2600c), in Pilp. 2 S. 6^{14.16} to *turn about repeatedly, dance* (of David); i.e. “and will you *rush* (better, *turn round*) upon your friend?” But תברו is very precarious, and in view of 40³⁰ there is no sufficient reason for deserting ff Besides, both תפלו and תברו seem too strong to describe what Eliphaz has done: he has failed indeed in sympathy, but he has not “fallen upon” Job with the violence which these expressions would imply.

28. הוואילו פנו ἀστυδέτως G-K. 120g. In v.⁹ with 1: G-K. 120d.

29. ושבי, Kt.] rd., of course, with Qrê שְׁבוּ.

30. בלשוני either *in* my tongue (so that the tongue is perverted itself, and so speaks wrongfully), or *on* my tongue (Ps. 139⁴), referring directly to the words spoken. For הוֹתֵן S expresses אֱמֶת, *truth*.

CHAPTER VII.

1. עַל Qrê עַלִּי , in better agreement with the usage of Job before a tone-syll., as $6^5 8^9 9^{26} 15^{27} 20^4$ al. (Bu.).

2. כַּעֲבָד Hi. De. Bu.: *as* (those of) *a servant*, etc., carrying on בִּימֵי שָׂכִיר , and with a full stop at the end of 2 . This is possible (Ps. 18^{34}); but כַּעֲבָד forms an awkward continuation of בִּימֵי שָׂכִיר .

יִשְׁאָף יִקְוָה rel. clauses, defining the *tertium comparationis* (Dr. 34; *Lex.* 454a). For שָׂאָף , lit. *pant*, see on 5^5 .

פָּעַל פְּעָלָה , *wages*, as Jer. 22^{13} ; פְּעָלָה is more usual, Lv. 19^{13} , Is. $40^{10} 49^4$ al.

3. לִי *for myself*, marking the completeness of the possession. There is prob. no exact parallel; but cf. *Lex.* 516a.

מִנָּה in *Pi.* is in Heb. only poet. or late (Ps. 61^8 , Jon. $2^1 4^6 7^8 8^1$, 1 Ch. 9^{29} , Dn. $1^5 10^1 11^1$ †): it is common in Aram. (Dn. $2^{24} 49^3 12^5$, Ezr. 7^{25} ; and often in Tgg. and Syr.). In מִנִּי the implicit subj. is הַפְּמִנִּים ; see on 4^{19} . This use of the indefinite 3rd pl. to express what we should denote by the passive ("nights of misery *are appointed* unto me") occurs elsewhere in Heb. (G-K. 144f, g), but it is particularly frequent in Aramaic and NH.: e.g. Dn. 4^{13} $\text{לֵבָבָה מִן אֲנוּשָׁא יִשְׁנֹן}$, $22^2 23^2 29^2$, in the ptc. $3^4 4^{22} 23^2$ ($\text{לָהּ אֲמָרִין נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר}$), 29 etc. (Kautzsch, *Gramm. des Bibl. Aram.* § 76e, 96c); *Pirkê Abhoth*, $2^{16} 3^5 4^4$ (כל הַמַּחְלֵל שֵׁם שָׁמַיִם בְּסִתְרֵי נִפְרָעִין מִמֶּנּוּ בְּנִלִּי): cf. in NT. Mt. 7^{16} , Mk. 10^{13} , Lk. 12^{20} $\text{ταῦτα τῇ τῷ σου ἀπαυτοσυνεῖν ἀπὸ σοῦ}$, 14^{35} , Jn. $15^6 20^2$.

4. For the type of hypothetical see Dr. 138i, a, G-K. 112^{gg} ; and cf. v. 13^f . $10^{14} 21^6$, Gn. 43^9 . וְאָמַרְתִּי (with ! consec.) introduces the apodosis in a freq. sense. וְאָמַרְתִּי for וְאָמַרְתִּי , on account of the *rebhi'a*: Dr. 104 (cf. Ps. 28^1). וְיִשְׁבַּעְתִּי should be וְיִשְׁבַּעְתִּי (*ib.* 110. 2, *Obs.*).

[מִדָּר] for the ִ see G-K. 52^l. The verb in Heb. means to *measure* (Ps. 60⁸ al.); Arab. *madda* is to *extend, stretch out, prolong* (Lane, 2695 f.): cf. הַתְּמִיד, 1 K. 17²¹, and מִדָּה, *extension, large size*, in אִנְשֵׁי מִדָּה, Is. 45¹⁴ etc.; and מִדָּר, if correct, must have this sense here. [Moreover, מִדָּר requires עֶרֶב to bear the meaning of לַיְלָה, *night*, for which Pr. 7⁹ gives but a precarious support. In עֶרֶב receives its normal meaning, *evening*, or, strictly, the time of, or beginning with, (sun-)setting.] עֶרֶב has ἐὰν κοίμηθῶ, λέγω Πότε ἡμέρα; ὥς δ' ἂν ἀναστῶ, πάλιν Πότε ἔσπερα; whence Du. אַם שִׁכְבְּתִי וְאִמְרִיתִי מָתַי יוֹם וְאִקּוּם: וְאִם קָמְתִי, “If I lie down, I say, ‘When (will it be) day, that I may arise?’ And if I arise (I say), ‘When (will it be) even?’” etc. נֶשֶׁף in מִדָּר, of the *morning* twilight, as 3⁹; in the emended text, of the *evening* twilight, as 24¹⁵. [A slighter alteration than Du. proposes gives a better distich than he obtains, and gets rid of the unusual meanings which must be attributed to עֶרֶב and מִדָּר if מִדָּר be retained. Read מִדָּר for מִדָּר and render:

When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise?

And as often as evening (comes), I am sated with
tossings till (morning) twilight.

The rhythm is 4 : 4, an occasional though rare variant on the normal 3 : 3; see, e.g., 3⁸ 15²⁰.]

5. גִּישׁ [גִּישׁ Qrē גִּישׁ †; in NH. a *lump* or *clod*, as נוֹשׁ עָפָר, as נוֹשׁ מֶלֶח (see *NHWB.*).

רָגַע †] to *become hard*, as in Eth. (Di. *Lex.* 317), e.g. for קָפָא, Ex. 15⁸, Jb. 10¹⁰, and the ptc. *regu'* = τετυρωμένος, Ps. 67¹⁶; παγείς, Wisd. 7².

וְיִמָּאֵס] a “metaplastic” form of יָמַס, or, better, a mispointed וְיִמָּאֵס, for וְיָמַס (G-K. 23^g), in pause for וְיָמַס, from מָסַס, to *liquefy, melt* (Ex. 16²¹, Ps. 68³ al.). So Ps 58⁸ וְיִמָּאֵסוּן (rd. יִמָּאֵסוּן). See here וְיִמָּאֵסוּן, אִתְמַסִּי.

6. אֶרֶג [אֶרֶג a *weaving apparatus*, in Jg. 16¹⁴ the *loom*, here the part of the apparatus which moves to and fro, the *shuttle*. מֶרֶג might have been expected (cf. Bu.); but קֶלַע, *sling*, is a word of the same form denoting the instrument.

7. תִּשׁוּב לְרֵאוֹת] G-K. 114ⁿ n.: cf. Dt. 30⁹, 1 K. 13¹⁷.

8. [תשורני] שור 10 times in Job, Nu. 23⁹ 24¹⁷, Jer. 5²⁶, Ca. 4⁸, Hos. 13⁷ 14⁹ †; and in שוררים, (insidious) *everes*, in the Psalms.

9. [The form of sentence (without כאשר in 9^a) is rare: cf. *Lex.* 486b, 2d.]

[וילל] G-K. 29g, 69p.

11. [אשיח] The primary idea of שיח is to *muse* or *talk* (Ps. 77⁷ (6). 13 (12) 104³⁴ 119^{23, 27, 45} 105², Pr. 6²²; and so שיחה is *musings*, Ps. 119^{97, 99}: cf. Jb. 15⁴); but both these words and the subst. שיח often express the idea of *plaintive* musing or talking, *complain, complaint*, as 1 S. 1¹⁶, and esp. in Job and the Pss., as here, v. 13 9²⁷ 10¹ 21⁴ 23², Ps. 55³ (2). 18 (17) 61² (1) 77⁴ (3) 142³ (2).

13. [ישא בשיחי] to bear *in*, i.e. share in bearing (*Lex.* 88b; G-K. 119m).

14. [ורחתני] see on v. 4.

[תבעתני] G-K. 60d.

15. [מעצמותי] rd. with Reiske, Me. Di. ("anmuthend"), Sgf. Bu. Du. al. מַעְצוֹתַי: *v. sup.*

16. [מאסתי] Me. Sgf. Du. carry back into 15^b, rendering "Death I despise in comparison to (Du. because of) my pains." But מאס, to *reject* (e.g. Saul as king, 1 S. 15^{23, 26}), in so far as it means to "despise," is to despise so as to *reject*, not to despise while *accepting*. The ellipse of חיי (9²¹ חיי מאמס חיי) is considerable; but its insertion would be vetoed by the current metrical systems. [Yet the insertion would produce 4 : 4 rhythm of which a few examples occur (see v. 4 n.). The "sechser" (2 : 2 : 2), left if מאסתי is transferred to v. 15, is, as Sievers has felt, also exceptional.] De Dieu, Capellus, Rosenm. (cf. RVm.) derived מאסתי from מסס (cf. on v. 5); but this is not possible: Bi. obtained the same sense legitimately by emending to מַסּוֹתַי, *I melt* (waste) *away*: cf. *Ÿ desperavi*.

17-18. [התמקדנו] must express a *fact*, not a contemplated possibility; hence it must either (as Dr. 39δ, 114β), if 17 be rendered (as EVV.) "that thou *shouldst* . . .," be separated from this and made an independent sentence, "Yea, thou visitest," etc.; or, which is better, 17 is to be rendered, "What is man, that thou *magnifiest* him (as a fact) . . ., and visitest,"

etc. The rend. of EVV., if exact, would require וַיִּקְרָאָהוּ for וַיִּתְּקֵנוּ (or וַיִּבְכְּרוּ תִּפְקֵנוּ); see Gn. 37²⁶. So Ps. 50¹⁶ is not "What is it to thee to declare my statutes, and that thou (AV.) *shouldst take* (וַיִּתְּשֵׂא) my covenant upon my mouth?" but, "And that thou (RV.) *hast taken* my covenant upon thy mouth?" (On cases of . . . כִּי מֵהָ see *Lex.* כִּי, I f.).

19. [בְּמֵהָ] See *Lex.* 553^b (4 c). Here = *how long?* as Ps. 35¹⁷. There is no reason to correct to עַד מֵהָ, or proof that GSY read it.

20. For the hypoth., without a hypoth. particle, see Dr. 154; G-K. 159^h; and cf. 4²⁻²¹.

[לְמֵהָ] so (*mil'el*) only here (*Lex.* 554a).

[וְאַחֲרֵיהָ] so that . . . this is an accommodation to English idiom: we cannot, after a word like *why*, change the person, as Heb. can, and say, "Why hast thou . . ., and I am," etc.? Cf. similar cases in Gn. 31²⁷, Jer. 20¹⁷.

[עָלַי] G and 2 MSS have עָלַי, *upon thee*; and this, according to the Jews, was the original reading, $\mathfrak{M}$ being one of the 18 *tikkunê sopherim*, or alterations made by the scribes in passages regarded as savouring of impiety (see Ginsburg, *Introd. to Heb. Bible*, p. 347 ff.; Geiger, *Urschrift*, p. 308 ff.; or, more briefly, Dr. on 2 S. 20¹). It is preferred by Me. De. Gr. Sgf. Bi. Buhl, Be. Du. But, as Bu. remarks, *upon thee* would form an anti-climax on the preceding line, whereas *upon myself* follows it naturally and forcibly, and Bi. only accepts it by assuming the meaning "butt" for מִשָּׂא ("burden"); and Be. by altering מִשָּׂא into מִטָּרָה, "butt" (16¹²).

21. [תִּשְׁחָ] G expresses תִּשְׁחָ (תִּשְׁחָה), *forget* (11⁶); so Me. Wr אֲשַׁח. [אֲשַׁח] G Klo. אֲשַׁח.

CHAPTER VIII.

2. [אָן] 1 S. 10⁴, 2 K. 5²⁵ Kt. : usually קָנָה.

[מִלֵּל] (Aram.) the verb cognate with מִלֵּה (4⁴ n.).

[רוּחַ] masc. as 4¹⁵ (n.).]

[כְּבִיר] only in Jb. (15¹⁰ 31²⁵ 34^{17.24} 36⁵) and Is. (16¹⁴ 17¹² 28²)†; cf. the vb. הכביר, Jb. 35¹⁶ 36³¹†, Arab. *kabîr*, Syr. כַּבַּר (rare): the vb. is Arab. Eth. and Syr.

3. [יַעֲנֶה] properly to *make crooked*: see Qoh. 7¹³. The repetition of the same word is emphatic; but עַ in ^a ἀδικήσει [never = עוֹת; but cf. Am. 8⁵, where לעוֹת = ποιῆσαι . . . ἄδικον], in ^b παράξει [= עוֹת in 19⁶ 34¹²: cf. also 34¹⁰, La. 3⁵⁹]: and so Be. יַעֲנֶה (cf. 33²⁷ יִשָּׁר הַעֲוִיּוֹת or יַעֲקֹשׁ (Mic. 3⁹) in either ^a or ^b; Du. in ^b יַעֲנֶה (La. 3⁹). [In view of עַ, the repetition here in יַעֲנֶה is improbable: cf. G. B. Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 254, n. 3, 295 f.]

4. [וַיִּשְׁלַחם] *sent them away, let them go* = give over, as Ps. 81¹³. The introd. of the apod. by וַ [cf. עַ ἀπέστειλεν] is unusual; but cf. 1 S. 15²³ (after יַעֲנֶה), Ps. 59¹⁶, c. 36⁹ (Dr. 127γ). Du., reading in ⁵ with עַ וַאֲתָהּ for אַם אַתָּה, escapes this difficulty: "If thy sons have sinned against thee, *and* he have delivered them into the hand of their transgression, then (1 K. 8^{32.34.36.39}; Dr. 124) do thou seek," etc.

5. [תִּשְׁחַר אֵל אֵל] elsewhere שָׁחַר elsewhere sq. accus.: שָׁחַר אֵל may be said on the analogy of דָּרַשׁ אֵל, 5⁸ al. (Be.).

6. [נֶחֱד] 11⁴ 16¹⁷ 33⁹, Pr. 16² 20¹¹ 21⁸: of *pure* oil, Ex. 27²⁰ = Lv. 24²; of *pure* frankincense, Ex. 30³⁴, Lv. 24⁷†. Cf. נֶחֱד, 15¹⁵ 25⁵; נֶחֱד, 15¹⁴ 25⁴.

[כִּי עַתָּה] *indeed then* (Dr. 144; *Lex.* 472b; G-K. 159ee); cf. Gn. 31⁴² 43¹⁰.

עלִיד [כי עתה יעיר עלִיד] Ἡ δέησεν ἐπακούσεται σου, *i.e.* (Bi. Be.) יענה חפלתך, or Be. (alt.): יַעֲתֶרְלֶךָ (Gn. 25²¹).

עלִיד] *on thy behalf*: Lex. 754a (c).—In order to reduce the triplet to a couplet, Bi.² Be.^T excise v.^{6a}, and Me. Sgf. Du. Be.^K v.^{6b} [absent from one MS ^{Ken.}], as a gloss.

נִיָּה צִדְקָה for נִיָּה see on 5³. The *fem.* only here and Zeph. 2⁶ נִיָּה; rd. prob. each time נִיָּה. Cf. Jer. 31²³ נִיָּה צִדְקָה (of the future, ideal Jerusalem).

7. בִּיזְעָר] a *subst.*: G–K. 141c, *d*; Dr. 189. 2.

יִשְׁנָה v.¹¹, Ps. 73¹² 92¹³ †; הִשְׁנִיָּה, 12²³ 36²⁴ †; שְׁנִיָּה (adj.), 36²⁶ 37²³ (as [in Aram. of] Dn. 2^{6.12} and oft.) †. As Aram. shows, שְׁנָה (not שִׁנָּה) is the correct orthography. The Aramaic equivalent of the Heb. רָבָה. The masc. after אַחֲרֵיתֶךָ is irregular; and Ol. De. Bi. Du. יִשְׁנֶה, *shall make great*. This, however, injures the parallelism (Di. Bu.); and a good many cases of the irregularity occur—*e.g.* Ex. 12⁴⁹, Jg. 13⁵, and esp. Pr. 2¹⁰ 12²⁵ 29²⁵; G–K. 145u; Kō. iii. 345d (assimilation to וְהִיָּה, Kō. 251z, is not probable). Be. יִשְׁנֶה or, after Ἡ ἀμύθητα, שְׁנִיָּה; but, if a change is needed, הִשְׁנֶה would be the natural one to make.

8. שְׂאֵל לִי 2 K. 8⁶.

רִישׁוֹן] cf. G–K. 23e.

בִּזְנוֹן] *sc.* לִבִּי: cf. שָׁם לִבִּי, שָׁם לִבִּי, and שָׁם with ellipse of לִבִּי, 4²⁰ al. (see note). בִּזְנוֹן, however, never occurs, though, as בִּזְנוֹן means to *fix* (a throne, a land, the moon, a city, a bowstring), there seems no reason why it should not occur; and הִבֵּן לִבִּי, to *direct, apply* the heart, though frequent, never occurs without לִבִּי (Jg. 12⁶ is dub.: see Moore). Hence it is quite possible that בִּזְנוֹן (Dt. 32¹⁰ †) should be read (Ol. Sgf. Di. Du.): Bu.'s objection that only בִּזְנוֹן and הִתְבִּינִי occur elsewhere in Job is hardly decisive against it.

חֲקֹר] concrete, *what has been sought out*: cf. 11⁷.

אֲבוֹתָם] *their fathers*, viz. those belonging to the successive generations implied in דֹּר (Di.). But Ἡ, Lag. Sgf. Du. Be. אֲבוֹתָם *the fathers*, parallel to דֹּר רִישׁוֹן. But (Bu.), if a change is thought necessary, אֲבוֹתֵינוּ would be better than אֲבוֹתָם.

9. תְּבוּלָה] constr. as שְׁלוֹם, 5²⁴; וְאֲתָה מָרוֹם, Ps. 92⁹, Dn. 9²³

(Dr. 189. 2; G-K. 141c, d). Ol. Lag. Sgf. Du. St. מִחְמֹל (but מִחְמֹלִי is no evidence of this reading, the מן being in Aram. necessary for the sense, just as "of yesterday" is in English).

10. [יֹאמְרוּ לךְ] rd. with 14 MSS (C^{SS}). The words are, however, rather flat after יִירֹךְ: hence Di. supposes them to be a gloss; and Be., after C, would read לְךָ יִירִידוּ (cf. 11⁶).

11. נָאָה, in Heb. only 10¹⁶, Ex. 15^{1. 21} (כִּי נָאָה נָאָה), Ezk. 47⁵ † (of waters rising); נֹאָה, Ps. 46⁴ of the *rising* of the sea; נֹאִית of a *rising mass*, or *column*, of smoke, Is. 9¹⁷; of the *swelling* of the sea, Ps. 89¹⁰; cf. נָאָה גִּלְיָד, Jb. 38¹¹; but the derivv. have usually the collat. idea of *majesty*, or *pride*: in Aram. also אֶהְנֵא, ܐܬܗܢܐ, is to *show oneself exalted*, or *proud*. Hence the word is more than merely "grow up" (EVV.), it is to *rise up loftily* or *proudly*.

בלֹא] *Lex.* 520a.

[יִשְׁגָּה] Bi. Be. אִם יִשְׁגָּה, perhaps rightly [cf. C^{SS}].

[אֶחָד] as if from *ahw*, like יֶחָדִי from *sahw* (G-K. 93x).

[בְּלִי מִים] Dr. 164. So בְּלִי לְבוֹשׁ, 24¹⁰; אֵין כֶּסֶף, Is. 47¹.

12. [עוֹדֵנוּ בָּאֵבֶר . . . וְלִפְנֵי רֹג'] constr. as 18. 19 (Dr. 169).

Nu. 11³³ is an exact parallel: הַבָּשָׂר עוֹדֵנוּ בֵּין שְׁנֵיהֶם מֵרֵם יִכְרַת חֶרֶד בָּהֶם (cf. Ps. 78^{30. 31}).

[לֹא יִקְטֹף] a circ. clause: Dr. 34 *end*, 162; G-K. 156f; cf. Lv. 1¹⁷, Ps. 26¹. The emendation (Be.) בְּאַבְלֵי יִקְטֹף is unnecessary: אֲבֵל, *greenness*, is also a word not known to Hebrew.

13a. Cf. Pr. 1¹⁹ כָּל בָּצֵעַ בָּצֵעַ; but there also C yields a better sense. With C τὰ ἔσχατα, cf. Sir. 2³ ἐπ' ἐσχατῶν σου, obviously = באַהֲרִיתֶךָ. באַהֲרִית may denote either the latter part (v.⁷), or the actual close, of life, according to the context.

14. [† יִקְרֹט] if correct, from *קטט = Ar. *ḥaṭṭa*, to *cut across* (e.g. a strap or a thong) so as to *sever* (Lane, 2539): in this case, however, we should vocalize קִטַּט. The parallel בֵּית עֵבְבִישׁ suggests, however, a noun here, rather than a vb.; and Saad. has for חֵבֶל הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ, *sun-cords*, i.e. *gossamer* (cf. Germ. *Sommerfäden*, summer-threads = *gossamer*): hence Be. Du.

קורים, *threads*, Is. 59⁵ קורי עכביש יארגו ⁶, קורי יהיו לבגד, Is. 59⁵⁻⁶ do not indeed show that קורים, standing alone (without “of a spider”), would denote specifically a *spider's* threads: still, even if it did not do this, the following בית עכביש might suffice to suggest that meaning here. Be. (alt.) קוים, or קוים, is a needless Aramaism (Is. 59⁵ קוין ⁶, קוין [all in Levy]; cf. קוואה, a *spinner* or *weaver*, *Shabb.* 113a; קוֹבֵּץ (Jb. 7⁶ for אָרָג), “a thrum of *threads*,” PS. 650, cf. 3510),—unless, indeed, קוֹר, קוריהם, קורי are to be read in Is. 59⁵⁻⁶ for קור having no Heb. etymology, and not a satisfactory Arabic one, for *kasur* is not a “thread,” but (Freyt.) *new cotton*, a *cord* or *rope of new cotton*. Bu.’s retranslation of the Germ. “Sommerfäden” into קרי קיט (קריט, Aram. for קרין), to take the place of קוט יקוט, is ingenious, but venturesome and precarious.

15. [יקום] *maintain itself, endure*: syn. of עמד, as Jos. 7¹², לקום לפני אויביהם . . . לא יכלו ¹³, 1 S. 13¹⁴ לקום לא תקום ¹⁵; c. 15²⁹, ולא יקום חילו.

16. [רַטֵּב] רַטֵּב, 24^{8†}; the √ is common in Aram.: *e.g.* רוטנא = לָשֵׁד, Ps. 32⁴; רַטֵּיב = לַח (opp. יבֵּשׁ), Nu. 6³; رطب = ῥῆπος, Lk. 23³¹ (PS. 3894).

[גַּנְתוֹ] the garden in which the קִנִּי is pictured as planted. What creepers, spreading over a garden, the writer is likely to have had in view, only, perhaps, one familiar with the East could tell us: possibly גַּנְוֹת, “over the *roofs*,” is right (Bu.).

17. [גַּל] a *heap* of stones (Gn. 31⁴⁶, Jos. 7²⁶ al.). [Me. Che. (*Exp.*, June 1897, p. 409) give גַּל the sense of *spring* (against which see next n.), and emending בית אבנים in the next line to בֵּיתֵר אֲבִים, render,

His roots twine themselves together about a fountain,

He looks with delight on a luxuriance of fresh growths.]

[ובית אבנים יחזה] “and he *seeth* the house (place) of stones” cannot be right; and many endeavours [mostly by emending יחזה, but see also last n.] have been made to obtain a better sense. (a) ἡ ῥίζα ἵσταται = יָחִידָה (so Sgf. Gr. Du.), “Its (His) roots are twined about the spring (Ct. 4¹²); In the house of stones it (he) liveth,” *i.e.* (Du.) it is planted in the most

favourable spot in the garden, in the well-house, up the walls of which it grows, flourishing better in the house of stone than other plants do in their beds. But **גל**, *spring* (cf. on 5⁵), is very uncertain (in Ct. 4^{12b} † **נעל ג** should most probably be read, as in 4^{12a}); nor can the sense obtained be said to be exactly satisfactory. (b) The Arab. *ḥassa* is to *cut, notch, incise* (hence, no doubt, **הַיִּי**, a *jagged or forked lightning-flash*); hence Bō. Matt. Ew. Vo. Di. (supposing **חזה** to have the same meaning, and taking **בית** in the sense of *between*, as in Pr. 8², Ezk. 41⁹, and the Syr. **ܠܒܝܢ**); but it is better simply to read **בין**, with Wr. Gr. Sgf. Be.) render, “And *cuts, pierces, between* the stones”—its roots force their way in between the stones, and so take a firm hold in the earth; similarly Hi. De. Di. (alt.), understanding, however, **בית** in its usual sense, and supposing “house (or place) of stones” to denote a *bed, or layer*, of stones, “And pierces the place of stones.” But the sense *divide, cut, pierce* for **חזה** has no support in Heb.; and it is better in this case (Bu.) to have recourse to the **חזו** *ḥassa*, and to read **יחזו** (*‘חזו בית א’* being a *casus pendens*), or **יחו**. (c) Bi. **יחזו**, Bu. **יחו** (from **אחו**: cf. **יחזו** for **יחזו**, 2 S. 20⁹; G-K. 68*h*), “*takes hold of* the place of stones,” finding a firm support there. (d) Be. **יחזו** (from **חזר**, common in Aram. and NH. in the sense of *go round*, e.g. Ps. 26⁶ **חזר** for **סבב**: cf. **חזר** and **חזרת** as the names of two spreading plants, Löw, *Aram. Pflanzennamen*, p. 156), “And they go about between the stones.” If we were *sure* that **חזו** was in use in Heb., **יחו** would be the best emendation: in view of this uncertainty, **יחו**, the next best suggestion, may be right. There is no occasion to have recourse to the Aram. **חזר**.

18. **וְיִחַזְּבוּ בּוֹ** with the tone thrown back, in spite of the dag. f. implic. in **ח**, and with a consequent **וְ** for **וּ**, on account of the following tone-syll. **בוֹ** (G-K. 29*g*: cf. **וְיִחַזְּבוּ בּוֹ**, Gn. 39^{14, 17}). The waw consec. in the apod., Dr. 138*i*, β.

19. **יִחַזְּבוּ** Be. **יחו**, needlessly (the **חזו**, in this case, as Dr. 200, 201. 1, 3; but there is no example after **יחו**). Whether this **יחו** is presupposed (Be.) by **Ἔ τοιαύτη** is doubtful: **Ἔ** for ^{18b} **οὐχ** **ἐόρακας τοιαύτα**, which (cf. Du.) seems to express **לֹא רָאִיתָ**

כִּהֵן = $\mathfrak{H}$ הָיָה ¹⁹ רָאִיתִךָ, differently divided, so that, if this expl. of $\mathfrak{H}$ is correct, *τοιαῦτα* will presuppose הֵן גַּם, and ¹⁶ *τοιαύτη* will correspond to הָיוּ.

מִשׁוּשׁ דָּרְכּוֹ $\mathfrak{H}$ καταστροφῇ ἀσεβοῦς—*ἀσ.* being a paraphrase of the suff., and *κατ.* representing מִשׁוּשׁ דָּרְכּוֹ; and those who think that the reference must be to the abrupt *close* of the godless man's prosperity, seek to emend on the basis of this. Thus Me. for מִשׁוּשׁ proposed מְשׁוּבָה; but מְשׁוּבָה is not "Wendung" in a general sense, but specifically "turning back," *apostasy*. Be. מָסוּס (Is. 10¹⁸); but "melting away" is a questionable fig. to apply to a "way." *Καταστροφῇ* recurs 15²¹ (= שׁוּרֵר), 21¹⁷ (= אִיר), 27⁷ ὥσπερ ἡ κατ. τῶν ἀσεβῶν, paraphr. for כִּרְשָׁע: cf. Pr. 1^{18b} (not in $\mathfrak{H}$) ἡ δὲ κατ. ἀνδρῶν παρανόμων κακῇ: it might, therefore, express שָׂר, or even, perhaps (Sgf.), מִשְׁאָת (only in מִשְׁאָתָה, 30³ 38²⁷, Zeph. 1⁵, and in the pl. מִשְׁאוֹת, Ps. 73¹⁸ 74³ †), which resembles מִשׁוּשׁ more than שָׂר does; and, as שָׂר רָשָׁעִים and שְׂאֵת רָשָׁעִים are both said (Pr. 21⁷ 3²⁵), שָׂר דָּרְכּוֹ, or מִשְׁאָת דָּרְכּוֹ, might perhaps have been said likewise. But if the view taken above be correct, no change in the text is necessary.

יִצְמָחוּ if correct, an extreme case of a sing. noun construed in a coll. sense as a pl. (G-K. 145*d*; cf. Is. 16⁴ רָמִס, etc., c. 19¹⁹). But prob. יִצְמַח should be read; so $\mathfrak{H}$ (ἀναβλαστήσει ἄλλον [*A* ἄλλο]), $\mathfrak{S}$ ܝܨܡܚܝܠ (so Walton and Lee; Urm. and Bar Bahl. ܝܨܡܚܝܠ ; but the Af. also is intrans., PS. 3415); $\mathfrak{U}$ express the plural.

21. עַד *till*: rd. עַד with practically all moderns.

יִמְלֶא for יִמְלֵא; G-K. 23*e*, 75*qq*: cf. מָלָה, Ezk. 28¹⁶.

22. אֵינְנוּ *it is not*,—after the *casus pendens*, as Gn. 37³⁰ 42¹³. 36 44²⁶. 30 etc. A frequent elegancy, much more forcible and expressive than וְאֵין אֵהָל רָשָׁעִים, for instance, would be: how inferior also אֵין יוֹסֵף וְאֵין שְׁמֵעֵן would be to יוֹסֵף אֵינְנוּ וְשְׁמֵעֵן אֵינְנוּ!

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4. [חכם לבב ואמין כח] a *casus pendens*, resumed by the sf. in אליו : cf. Ps. 107⁵ רעבים גם צמאים נפשם בהם תחטוף, Is. 44²⁰ רעה אפר לֵב הותל הטחו.

[אמין כח] The √ אמין often with כח : v.¹⁹, Nah. 2² אמין כח, Pr. 24⁵ ואיש דעת מאמין-כח, Am. 2¹⁴ ואמין כחו, Is. 40²⁶ וכל מאמצי כח, Jb. 36¹⁹ מרב אונים ואמין (אמין) כח (rd. אמין).

For ^b, cf. Dr. 19; Dt. 3²³ ויהי שָׁמַע . . . ויהי La. 3³⁷ מי זה אמר ויהי Sir. 2¹⁰.

5. [אשר] might = *quod* (Ex. 11⁷; Lex. 83a, 8β), “and they know not *that*,” etc. (Di. Del.); *i.e.* it is done in a moment, before they have realized that He has overthrown them in His wrath. [But rhythm and parallelism alike are unfavourable to this view of the construction, and favour the view underlying the translation. We should perhaps read ידע ואשר (cf. § סספּ (ל) ; for a clause with ואשר and the pf. (cf. Dr. § 117) coupled with a participial clause, cf. Mic. 3^{2f}. 4⁶.]

6. [יתפלצון] the vb. only here : פִּלְצוֹת, *trembling, horror*, 21⁶ al.

7. [חרס] Jg. 14¹⁸ יבא החרס (but rd. prob. החרה) : otherwise only in n. pr. חרס, Jg. 1³⁵; תמנת-חרס, 2⁹; מעלה החרס, 8¹³, Is. 19¹⁸ (some MSS, but very dub., though no doubt עיר החרס contains an *allusion* to it) עיר החרס (Σ πόλις ἡλίου, U civitas solis).

8–10, regarded by Be. Du. Bu. as an insertion, on the ground that they speak of the creative works of God, whereas the context, both vv.⁴⁻⁷ and v.^{11f.}, relates to the destructive, or (v.^{11f.}) elusive and arbitrary, character of His operations, and that the latter are alone in harmony with Job's argument, and present frame of mind.

8. [בבמתי] so Is. 14¹⁴, Am. 4¹³; and in Qrê for במותי (*i.e.*

בְּמוֹתִי), Dt. 32¹³, Is. 58¹⁴, Mic. 1³,—each time (Bu.) before a tone-syll. in pause (אָרִיז, עָב, יָם). As בְּמוֹתִי is the form which regularly occurs before suffixes, no doubt this—accented בְּמוֹתִי (Bu.), with a toneless ult. between the two tone-syllables—should be always read: בְּמֹתִי seems intended partly to secure a short vowel under מ, partly to get rid of the double plural (which, except in this word and מְרַאשֵׁתִי, 1 S. 26¹² (text dub.), occurs only before suffixes, G-K. 87s), by *implying* that the abs. form is בְּמֹת (so Bu.) giving the word the form of a plur. from sg. בְּמֹת (with radical ת: cf. דִּלְחֹת from דִּלַּח). Cf. Kō. ii. 172, 411 f., 436.

עָב 3 MSS,—doubtless from Is. 14¹⁴.

[9. כְּסִיל וְכִימָה] Parallelism favours reading כְּסִיל (cf. 𐤀𐤍𐤌), or, transposing, וְכִימָה כְּסִיל (cf. the order in 38³¹, Am. 5⁸: here 𐤀𐤍𐤌 read כִּימָה immediately after עֲשֵׂה).]

II. [הֵן יַעֲבֹר עָלַי וְלֹא אֶרְאֶה] “Behold, he passeth by me (whenever it may be), and I see him not!” the form of sentence suggesting, with some vividness, though not expressly in the form of a hypoth., a hypothetical case: so 12¹⁴, 15 19⁷ 23⁸.

[אֶרְאֶה] 𐤀𐤍𐤌 express אֶרְאֶה (though it does not follow that they *read* this); but with verbs such as רָאָה and שָׁמַע the sf. is often dispensed with. [Yet here אֶרְאֶה וְיַחֲלֶף might be a wrong division (cf. Dr., *Samuel*², xxviii.) of what was intended to be read אֶרְאֶה וְיַחֲלֶף.]

[וְיַחֲלֶף] חָלַף is a poet. syn. of עָבַר, esp. where swiftness or force is to be indicated: of a flood, Is. 8⁸; a tempest, 21¹; a breath, Jb. 4¹⁵: cf. also 11¹⁰ (of God), 9²⁶, Hab. 1¹¹. In prose, only 1 S. 10³ (where Ehrlich would read וְיַחֲלֶף).

ל [ל] is the *nota accus.* (as 5²): with בֵּין, as 14²¹ 23⁸, Pr. 14¹⁵, Dt. 32³⁹, Ps. 73¹⁷ 139² (with הֵבִין, differently, c. 6²⁴).

12. [הֵן יַחֲתֹם מִי יִשְׁבְּנוּ] here, unless מִי should be read, מִי definitely introduces the apod., and הֵן is more distinctly *if*; so 40²³ (unless יִפְּחוּ be read).

[יַחֲתֹם] Aram. 𐤏𐤍 is to *break in pieces*. Rd., with 3 MSS, יַחֲתֹם, *seize*, Jg. 21²¹, Ps. 109[†] (as 𐤏𐤍, e.g. = συναρπάζειν, Acts 6¹²): add Pr. 23²³ [Sir. 50⁴], where for חֲתֹם

rd. חטף, —הארב, אף היא כחטף הארב (like a *seizer*, *robber*). Σ here ἀναρπάσει. [Cf. the gloss in Sir. 15¹⁷ וישתהו ביד חותפו.]

13. [רהב. Ⲅ κῆρη τὰ ὑπ' οὐρανόν (cf. 26^{12b} τὸ κῆτος = רהב).

15. [אשר] = *I, who* . . . (Lex. 82a, 3): [אשר is not omitted in Ⲅ (Be.^K Du.), but represented by γάρ].

16. [אענה] Ⲅ Hfm. Siegfried Gr. Be. Bu. אַענָה (11²), unnecessarily.

17. [לְמִשְׁפָּטִי] to my *opponent-at-law*: ptcp. of the “conj. of attack” (Po'el), G-K. 55b, c: cf. 1 S. 18⁹ עֵינַי, to *be-eye*, Ps. 101⁵ לִשְׁוֹן, to *be-tongue* (in slander). But Hi. Hfm. Bu. לְמִשְׁפָּטִי should supplicate *for my right* (to get justice). Ⲅ (or rather Aq. or Θ) τοῦ κρίματος αὐτοῦ. The change is not necessary; but Di.'s objection that התחנן is not construed with ל of the thing is hardly conclusive against it; for many similar words are so construed, as Gn. 41⁵⁵ לֶלֶחֶם . . . וַיַּעֲקֹב, c. 15²³ נִדָּר הוּא לֶלֶחֶם (Lex. 515a). Gr. לָמוּ שְׁפָטִי.

16. Ⲅ^B Be.^K Du. וְלֹא יַעֲנֵנִי, “If I called, he would *not* answer me; I cannot believe that he would hearken to my voice” [which is rhythmically easier]. But the change of וְלֹא יַעֲנֵנִי, if it once stood here, into יַעֲנֵנִי is not a likely one; and if “and he answered me” is explained as is done above, the emendation is not necessary.

17. [אשר], for, *forasmuch as*: Lex. 83b.]

18. [שַׁעֲרָה] Nah. 1³ †; שַׁעַר, Is. 28²; שַׁעַר, 27²¹, Ps. 50³, Dn. 11⁴⁰ †. Elsewhere each word always with ס (including Jb. 38¹ 40⁶ סַעֲרָה).

19. [וישופני] would *bruise* me (Ⲅ ἐκτερίψῃ; Ⲅ ⲥⲟⲩⲉⲣⲉⲧ; Ⲅ conteret, שׁוּף, as Gn. 3¹⁵, Ps. 139¹¹ † (but rd. here וַיִּשְׁפֹּן): cf. Aram. שׁוּף, שׁוּף, Ⲅ (Ps. 4099f), to *rub*, e.g. with a file, Ex. 32²⁰ Ⲅ וַיִּשְׁפֹּת יָתִידָהּ Ⲅ, Dt. 9²¹ Ⲅ וַיִּשְׁף עַד דְּהִיָּה דְקִיק Ⲅ, וַיִּשְׁף חֲפִצָּהּ; fig. 4²⁰ to *crush* (the poor, etc.), Ⲅ Ps. 72⁴ (for דָּבָא), 89²⁴ (for וַיִּבְחֹתִי) al. There is no need to take שׁוּף as = שָׁאָף, to *pant* (after), *be eager* for, Ps. 56² בִּי שָׁאָף־נִי אֲנוּשׁ, al. (Ew. Di. Bu. Du.): the objection that bruises cannot be multiplied (^b) upon one who is already “crushed” is hypercritical: ^b is not necessarily subsequent to ^a, but may well be parallel to it; and

יִשׁוּפִנִי is not, any more than the figures in 16⁹⁻¹⁴, to be understood with literal exactness. עֲדַר חוֹטִי בִּינְתָא curiously מְדַרְקָא עִמִּי who deals finely (exactly) with me even to a hair's breadth (*i.e.* בִּשְׂעָרָה: cf. Levy, *ChWB*. 94a, 184b; *Yeb*. 121b, הָק"בָּה מְדַרְקָא עִם הַצְדִּיקִים כְּחוֹט הַשְּׂעָרָה).

[וְהִרְבָּה] with *war* consec. after יִשׁוּפִנִי, as v.³¹, Am. 9^{3f}. (Dr. 113. 3).

18. [הָשֵׁב] irreg. for the *inf. c.*, Nu. 20²¹ 21²³, or, more usually (Gn. 20⁶ etc.), the *inf. c.* with לְ (G-K. 114m; Kö. iii. 414g: cf. *Lex*. 679d, g).

[יִשְׁבִּיעֵנִי] G-K. 6od.

[מְמַרְרִים] from מְמַרֵּר †, with d. f. dirimens (G-K. 2oh); but rd. מְמַרְרִים (מן after שָׁבַע, as Ps. 104¹³ al.), or (3 MSS) בְּמַרְרִים (cf. La. 3¹⁵ בְּמַרְרִים הַשְּׁבִיעֵנִי).

19. [מִי יוֹעִירֵנִי וְהִנֵּה] as the text stands, "He saith" must be understood before each of these, and הִנֵּה must be taken as the challenger's call that he is ready: "Here I am!" "Wohlan!" (Di. De. Bu.). הִנֵּה, however, nowhere else stands alone for "Here I am!": there is nothing to suggest, at least in ^a, the implicit "He saith"; between "I" denoting Job in ¹⁸ and ²⁰, "I" in ¹⁹ cannot denote God (Be.); hence Hi. Me. Hfm. Be. K1o. Du. הִנֵּהוּ (Jer. 18³, Kt.), or הִנֵּה = הִנּוּ (*Lex*. 243b), with יוֹעִירֵנִי (GK) in ^b. Still, the challenge in Yahweh's mouth is remarkably fine and bold (Bu.): "He saith" is often understood in Heb. poetry; and if הִנֵּנִי were read for הִנֵּה, the sense would show that God was the speaker.

20. [אֶעֱדֶךָ] the pausal form, for אֶעֱדֶכָּ, with the minor disj. *tifha*, like ^b אֶלִּי, ^{21a} אֲנִי; Dr. 103.

[פִּי] Ol. Me. Wr. Hfm. Sgf. Be.^T (Be.^K with ?) פִּי; but while there is force in emphasizing Job's mouth, there would be no point (Bu. Du.) in specially mentioning the "mouth" of God.

[תָּם אֲנִי וְיִעֲקֹשֶׁנִּי] "I am perfect, and he hath," etc. = "If I am perfect, he hath [= will have]," etc.: cf. 3^{25a} 23¹³, וְנִפְשׁוֹ, אֲנֹתָהּ וְיִעֲשֶׂה, 29¹¹, Pr. 11² וַיָּבֹא קֶלֶן בָּא זֶרֶן וַיָּבֹא קֶלֶן (Dr. 153; G-K. 159h, 3rd case).

[וְיִעֲקֹשֶׁנִּי] Hif. for וְיִעֲקֹשֶׁנִּי: G-K. 53n. Bu. Du. Be.^K יִעֲקֹשֶׁנִּי (or יִעֲקֹשֶׁנִּי), as the Hif. of עָקַשׁ does not occur: Bu. Be. also יִי

(not וי); but this implies an improbable use of *waru* of the apodosis.

21-22. Du. reconstructs thus (the last cl. from ^{24b}): **תם** **אני לא אדע נפשי אמאם חיי אחת היא:** **תם ורשע הוא מכלה אם לא** **אפו מי הוא** [a succession of four-stressed lines!].

23. **מַסֵּת** (a) *melting away, despair*, from $\sqrt{\text{מס}}$ (cf. **מָס**, 6¹⁴, —if correct); so Ew. Di. De. (“perh.”), Bu. Du. (b) *trial*, from $\sqrt{\text{נסה}}$, as **מִסָּה**, Dt. 4³⁴ al., and in particular trial by calamity, like NT. *πειρασμός*: so Hi., Ges. De.—Ges. De. actually rendering “calamity” (hence RVm.). Gr. Che. **לִמְכַת**.

24. **נִתְנָה** § Be.^K **נִתְנָה**.

אם לא אפו מי הוא [“If not, then, who is it?” cf. 24²⁵ **אם כן אפוא זאת עשו** Gen. 43¹¹, **ואם לא אפו מי יביאני** so, then, do this.”] **אפוא** is an enclitic particle, always following the word, or words, to which it relates: see, further, *Lex.* 66a. Acc. to the Massorah (Baer, *Job*, p. 39), it is always written **אפוא**, except in Jb. 17¹⁵ 19^{6, 23} 24²⁵. Baer and Ginsb. have **אפוא** here; but Kit. with Hahn and other edd. have **אפו**. The **סביר** (see on 1 S. 12⁵; Ginsb. *Introd. to Hebrew Bible*, p. 187 ff.) **אם לא הוא מי אפוא** has nothing to recommend it.

25. **לא ראו** [a circ. cl. (Gn. 44⁴): Dr. 162, 163; G-K. 156f.

26. **חלפו**] see on v.¹¹.

עם] *with = like*, as 37¹⁸ 40¹⁵ (*Lex.* 768a).

אָבָה†] Arab. *’abā’* (coll.), *arundines* (Freyt.) = **בְּלִי-נָמָא**, Is. 18². [Both expressions refer to] craft made of reeds, light and swift [cf. Plut. *Isis and Osiris*, c. 18; Pliny, *N.H.* vi. 24 (“papyraceae naves”); Lucan, iv. 136 (conseritur bibula Memphitis cymba papyro)]; Heliod. *Aeth.* x. 460. See, further, Erman, *Life in Ancient Egypt*, 479 ff.; the notes on the present passage in Schultens, Hi., *SBOT* on Is. 18², *E.Bi.* 4025 [4478] and s.v. Egypt, § 8, end. [**אבה** was misunderstood by the ancient versions: $\mathfrak{C}$ renders (?) $\chi\rho\omicron\varsigma$ ὁδοῦ; $\mathfrak{T}$ connects **אבה** with **אב** and renders **רמעינין מנריא**, cf. $\mathfrak{U}$ “poma portantes”; Symm. *σπεύδουσαι* connects with **אבה**, *to wish*; so Levi ben Gershom, **אבה הוא מענין**, **רצון**, AVm. “ships of desire.” Many MSS of $\mathfrak{H}$ and $\mathfrak{Z}$ read **איבה**, enmity. The view that **אביות אבה** are “boats of reeds” is recorded along with others in the mediæval (12th cent.)

Hebrew commentary on Job edited by W. A. Wright (1905): עם אניות אבה כאניות איבים ולסטין הנופלים פתאם על האדם ויש או' אבה נושאים אביב כי הם ממהרות לרוץ שרוצים למכור בעודו באיבו וגם יש או' שאניות עשויות מנמא (cf. Is. 18²) כי בעוד הנמא לח יעשו הספינות. But the correct etymology and the modern acceptance of the explanation "ships of papyrus" are due to Hiller, *Hierophyticon* (1725), part 2, p. 202, and Schultens (1737).]

כנישאר דמאים למיכל ט 18 to fly, as Hab. 1⁸ ט 18 † יטוש Is. 31⁵, Jb. 5⁷.

27. [אמרי rd. אמרתי (so Kenn. 192). The inf. after אם is wholly against usage. The inf. might stand as the subj. of a sentence (2 S. 15²⁰, Jer. 9⁵); but hardly in Jg. 19⁹: Zeph. 3²⁰ is corrupt; in Ps. 23⁶ rd. וישבהי.

אבלגה [הבליג, to look cheerful, brighten up, 10²⁰, Ps. 39¹⁴; but in Am. 5⁹ † (if the text be correct) transitively, to cause to be bright, or flash forth. The proper names בלגי, בלנה, may, perhaps, be from the same root; the noun מבליגית (Jer. 8¹⁸ †) is textually doubtful (cf. G). Mediæval Jewish philologists conjectured, wrongly as we now know, that בלג meant to recover strength, strengthen (hence the renderings in RV.; see Dr. on Am. 5⁹). The real meaning, which is strictly synonymous with the preceding phrase (אעזבה פני) here, is, as Schultens pointed out, clear from the Arabic: بليج means to have a clear space between the eyes, to have a cheerful countenance, to be cheerful; بلجة means inter alia, the light in the last part of the night, the light of dawn. Mohammed was said to be بليج الوجه, bright, or cheerful of countenance: see Lane, p. 245f.]

29. [ארשע "I am to be guilty," viz. in the judgment and estimate of another (Hi.): cf. 10¹⁵ 12⁴ 15²⁸ 17⁶ 19¹⁶ 34⁶, 1 S. 20⁵ ("ought to sit"), 28¹ ("that with me thou oughtest to go forth in battle"): Dr. 39a; G-K. 107n, end.

30. [במו, Kt.] so G; שטע express Qrê במו is preferable: "snow-water," or melted snow, is not particularly suggestive of either whiteness or cleanness.

[והזכרתי the pf. with ! consec. carrying on אתה החרצתי, which means, "If I wash myself at any time," and is virtually

= אַם אַחֲרָיִן (Dr. 138 beg. comp. with 136 beg.), and is hence continued by the pf. with וְ consec., as 11¹³ (notice וּפְרִשְׁתָּהּ), Gen. 43⁹ הַבִּיאֲתוּ אֵלַי וְהִצַּנְתִּי לַפָּנִיךָ אַם, the tone being held back by the minor disj. accent (Dr. 104).

31. וְ introducing the apod. Very rare, except where the prot. has לוֹ or לָהּ, and only for the sake of emph. (as here, Is. 58¹⁴, Pr. 2⁵ †): see Dr. 136a, Obs. 2; Lex. 23a. In an ordinary conditional sentence, “then” in EVV. simply expresses וְ (as 8¹⁸).

בַּשָּׂחָת that the “pit” is conceived as containing mud and water is evident from the context. Ἐν ῥύπτῳ, whence Hfm. בַּפְּסָחָה, Be. Du. בַּפְּסָחָה or בַּפְּסָחָה. But there is no evidence that סוּחָה (Is. 5²⁵ †) or סָחִי (Lam. 3⁴⁵ †; cf. the vb. Ezk. 26⁴ † וְסָחִיתִי עֲפָרָה מִמֶּנָּה: prop. something washed off or away; cf. Aram. סָחִי, سَحَل, to wash oneself), offscourings, refuse (סָחִיתָא, Zeph. 1⁷, for בְּלִילִים) denotes anything liquid, in which a person might be immersed.

שְׁלֹמִי Lag. “משְׁלֹמִי vel simile quicquam,” Du. שְׁלֹמִי, my friends (Ps. 7⁵); very needlessly,—“ein schlechter Einfall,” Bu.

32. לֹא אִישׁ וְגַ' “(it is) not a man like myself (that) I might answer him”: לֹא, as Gen. 29⁷ הַמְקַנָּה אֶעֱנֶנּוּ, 2 K. 4²³ (Lex. 519a, b), אֶעֱנֶנּוּ and נִבְּאוּ are voluntatives, without וְ (Dr. 64, Obs.). So יִשָּׁת, v.³³ (cf. G-K. 109z).

33. לֹא 13 MSS, Ἐ (εἴθε), Ὡς לֹא=לֹא, which, as לֹא יֵשׁ (for אֵין) does not recur elsewhere in Heb., is preferred by Me. Sgf. Bi. Gr. Be. Bu. (for לֹא יֵשׁ see 16⁴, Nu. 22²⁹). Hi. De. Di. Du. prefer לֹא, objecting to לוֹ that, as ³² denies that God and man are on an equality with each other, it is idle to wish for an umpire to whom both would have to submit, and pointing out also that ³¹ does not continue the (supposed) wish of ³³ that there were such an umpire, but rests upon the supposition that no such umpire exists. The passionate wish, “O that there were—there is some emph. in the יֵשׁ—an umpire between us!” would be in itself thoroughly in keeping with Job’s frame of mind; but it must be admitted that לֹא יֵשׁ (which might have been chosen for the assonance with לֹא אִישׁ in ³²) suits the present context better.

34. תִּבְעֵתִי as 7¹⁴.

CHAPTER X.

1. נִקְטָה] The $\sqrt{\text{}}$ is קוט, so the form ought to be נִקְטָה (cf. Ezk. 20⁴³ 36³¹ וְנִקְטָתָם); but vbs. ע"ו sometimes follow the analogy of vbs. ע"ע; hence וְנִקְטָה (G-K. 67*t*), Ezk. 6⁹ for וְנִקְטָה, and here (implicitly) נִקְטָה (G-K. 72*dd*), written נִקְטָה, with neglect of the duplication, like נִסְכָּה for נִסְכָּה, Ezk. 41⁷ (G-K. 69*dd*).

עליו] ἐπ' αὐτόν = עָלָיו, *against him* (God): so Me. Be. Du.; but the change is no improvement, besides being unnecessary.

2. תרִיבִּי] with sf. in the acc., as Dt. 33⁸, Is. 27⁸ † (in Is. 49²⁵ אֵה is the prep., as Pr. 25⁹ al.); G-K. 117*x*.

3. [יגיע כפִּיד] what thy hands have toiled to produce: cf. יגיע כ', Gn. 31⁴² (|| עָנִי), Hag. 1¹¹ (the result of a farmer's labour), Ps. 128² † (so BDB.). The root meaning of יגע, *to toil, grow weary*, probably makes itself sufficiently felt in the phrase 'יגיע כ' to give it a different nuance from מעֲשֶׂה יָדָיו, which suggests the skill, whereas 'יגיע כ' suggests the toil, required to produce a thing. Since man's work involves both skill and toil, both phrases may obviously and naturally be applied to the same human labours: so, *e.g.*, in Hag. 2¹⁷ the result of work in the fields is מעֲשֶׂה יָדָיו, in 1¹¹ 'יגיע כ'. God's work is elsewhere and most naturally described as מעֲשֶׂה יָדָיו; יגיע כפִּיד used of God's work here is altogether exceptional and therefore particularly noticeable.]

6. לַעֲנוֹי] בקש ל', as Pr. 18¹ †, ל' being the *nota accus.*: cp. 5² n. ל' דרש, to *inquire about*, as 2 S. 11³: דרש (abs.), of a judicial inquiry, Dt. 13¹⁵ 17^{1. 9} 19¹⁸.

7a. על] = *notwithstanding* (Lex. 754*b*), as 16¹⁷ 34⁶; and, before a rel. cl., Is. 53⁹.

7b. Be. ואין בידי מַעַל: (1 S. 24¹²), Du. Be.^K: —
to improve the parallelism with ^a.

8. [יחד סביב ותבלעני] Ἐ μετὰ ταῦτα μεταβαλὼν με
ἐπαισας (§ also כַּסֵּס כַּלֵּז for יחד); whence Me. Wr.,
for יחד סביב, אַחֵר תְּשׁוּב, אַחֵר תְּפֹסב; De. Di. אַחֵר תְּפֹסב (“perhaps better”);
Bi. Bu. סִבֵּת; Be. סִבֵּת or שִׁבֵּת; Du. Ho. (inf. abs.) אַחֵר קִבּוּב:
אַחֵר seems the best.

10, 11. The actions described are depicted graphically by
the impff. (Dr. 27a). Notice the rhyme: 4 lines each ending
in -ēni.

11. [תִּשְׁכְּכֵנִי] didst *intertwine* me, EVV. *knit me together*:
Po'el from שִׁכַּךְ (only here) = סִכְכָּה, Ps. 139¹³ † אֲמִי תִּסְכְּכֵנִי
(סִכַּךְ, cf. once, La. 2⁶ שִׁכַּךְ); סִכְכָּה something *intertwined*, a
thicket, *booth*; NH. הִסְכָּה, to *weave*.

12. [חיים וג'] “life and kindness hast thou *done* (or *made*)
with me” (EVV. “granted” conceals the difficulty and peculi-
arity of the Heb.). עָם (or חסד ואמת) is a common
expression; and if the text is right, חיים must be joined with
חסד by zeugma. Di. compares 4¹⁰ שְׁאֵנָה אֲרִיָּה וְקוֹל שְׁחָל וּשְׁנֵי כְּפִירִים
שְׁאֵנָה (נִתְּעוּ), where the verb is obviously unsuitable to שְׁאֵנָה.
Still the zeugma here is an extreme one; and Be.'s חַן for חיים
(cf. Est. 2¹⁷ וְחֵסֶד לִפְנֵינוּ (וְחֵסֶד) is clever and plausible. Ἐ has
ἐθου for עֲשִׂית; whence Du. חַיִּים וְחֵסֶד עֲמִיר (11¹⁷) “Leben
und Lebenskraft hast du mir zugegeben”; but עֲשִׂית עָם is not
to “grant *to*,” nor is there any evidence that חָלַד means
“*Lebenskraft*.”

14. [וּשְׁמֵרְתִּנִּי] Sgf. om. ו as dittogr. from וּמַעֲוִינוּ; Be.^T (not
Be.^K) om. ו, as not read by ἘΣ. But (1) καί is not needed
by Greek idiom; so there is no evidence that Ἐ did not read
ו: in 7⁴ Ἐ has λέγω for וְאָמַרְתִּי, in 8¹⁸ ψεύσεται for וְכִחֵשׁ, in
21⁶ ἐσπούδακα for וּנְבַחֲלִיתִי, in Ps. 89³³ ἐπισκέψομαι for וּפְקַדְתִּי,
in Gn. 18²⁶ ἀφήσω for וְנִשְׂאֲתִי, in 24⁸ καθαρὸς ἔσῃ for וְנִקִּיתִי; see
also 43^{8. (9)} 47^{5b (6b)} etc.; § expresses ו in 7⁴ 8¹⁸, but not in 21⁶,
Ps. 89^{32 (33)}, Gn. 18²⁶ 24⁸ 43⁹ 47⁶; nor (2) is the omission necessary
or even desirable. The syntax of the passage is indeed unique:
אִם חֲטָא וּשְׁמֵרְתִּי וּמַעֲוִינוּ לֹא אֲנַקְנוּ (2 S. 15³³, 2 K. 7⁴) is turned into oblique narrative in order to

express Job's *thought* of what God would do; but it does not appear why, in this change, the ׀ before ׳שׁ should be omitted, and לא תנקני in ^b and לא אשא in ¹⁵ are distinctly against its omission; for in the apodosis of a hypoth. sentence the bare impf. and the pf. with ׀ cons. are syntactically equivalent, and mutually interchangeable; comp. *e.g.* Gn. 18²⁶ with ²⁸, Jg. 11^{30f.} with 13^{16a} (see further instances in Dr. 136 i, a and β, 138 i, a and β, ii, a and β).

15. אללי Mic. 7^{1†}. Cf. אלה (Jl. 1^{8†}), הָיָה, to *lament*; and Eth. *alê*, "woe!" (Di. *Lex.* 718).

ראה] The imper. of ראה (though doubtless so meant by the punctuation) does not agree with the context: so ראה, if right, must be the *st. c.* of ראה, a verbal adj. of the same form as קשה, רוה, soaked, saturated, as נו רוה, Is. 58¹¹; בלה, Dt. 28³² (עינים פלוח). But Geiger (*Jüd. Zsch.* iv. 213, v. 191, ix. 130), Che. Lag. Di. Del. Be. Bu. ורוה עני, "and saturated with affliction" (not "*my* affliction"): cf. La. 3¹⁵ השבעני במררים הרוני, "and saturated with affliction"; also, for the same two words in parallelism, Jer. 31¹⁴ ורוחתי נפש הכהנים הושן ועמי את-טובי ישבעני. א does not express וראה עני. Du. deletes ^{15c}, ^{16a}, as both disturbing to the metre and interrupting the thought,—^{16b}, ^{17a} (the next distich) carrying on the thought of ^{15ab}: the lines (for which א has πλήρης γὰρ ἀτιμίας εἰμί (שבע קלון אני), ἀγρεύομαι γὰρ ὡς λέων εἰς σφαγήν (= יצורני בשחל ולחרגה—but the comparison to a hunted and slain lion is hardly probable) he supposes to be a quotation from some well-known place by a scribe (Be.^K del. as gloss, with a ?).

16–17. The verbs are all jussives; notice תשׁב and esp. תִּרְב: for the double jussive in a conditional sentence, see Dr. 152. 3; cf. in Arabic, 151, *Obs.*; G–K. 109*h*.

אתשב תתפלא] = thou wouldest *again* show thyself marvellous (G–K. 120*g*).

17. עדיך נגדי א (ἐπανακαινίζων) ἐπ' ἐμέ τὴν ἑτασίν μου (Α σου), whence Bi.² ננעי (so long as I live) עדי, Be.^T (or ננעי, עלי ננעי, Ho. עלי ננעי: for ἑτασις = ננע, cf. Gn. 12¹⁷ καὶ ἤτασεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν Φαραὼ ἑτασμοῖς μεγάλους = וַיִּנַּע וַיִּנַּע אֶת-פ' ננע. אֶת-פ' ננע does not occur elsewhere in Job; but

see Ps. 38¹² מִנְּעִי יַעֲמִדוּ, and 39¹¹ הָסֵר מֵעָלַי נִנְעָר (varied from Jb. 9^{34a}). Che. מוֹעֲדָיו “his *troops*”; but the sense is too uncertain (Is. 14³¹ †).

כַּעֲשֶׂה for כַּעַם, see on 5².

חֲלִיפֹת וצבא עמי [Ἐπὶ πειρατήριας δὲ ἐπ’ ἐμὲ πειρατήρια (πειρ. = צבא, 7¹, = גִּדּוּר, 19¹², Ps. 18³⁰, Gn. 49¹⁹), ܐܢܬܝ ܡܚܬܠܦܢ ܡܚܘܘܬܬܐ ܡܝܬܚܝܠܝܢ ܢܒܝܐ ܐܢܝ, ܐܢܬܝ et pœnæ militant in me. Unless Job is passing from the description of God’s intention (“*wouldest renew*,” “*wouldest increase*”) to a description of the *fact*,—and even then, whether we render “relays (1 K. 5²⁸) and a host are (in conflict) with me,” or (Di.) as an exclam., “relays and a host (in conflict) with me!” the combination “relays and a host” is strange, and a verb is strongly desiderated—read וְתַחֲלֵף צְבָאִיךָ עָמִי, “and *thou wouldest renew* (Is. 40³¹ 41¹) thy hosts (= bring fresh hosts: cf. for the figure יִחַד יִבְאוּ גִדּוּרֵי, 19¹²) against me” (cf. Che. *Exp.*, June 1897, p. 409, תַּחֲלִיף צְבָאִיךָ עָמִי, though he regards the words as a gloss on 17a). Kt.^{Or.} יַעֲבֹא, read as יַעֲבֹא (or תַּעֲבֹא), *wouldest muster* (2 K. 25¹⁹ = Jer. 52²⁵), would also suit, with less change in the Heb. Bu. וְתַחֲלֵף צְבָאִיךָ עָלַי (“and wouldest renew thy warfare”), Du. וְתַחֲלֵף צְבָא עָלַי; but עָמִי may remain (in spite of עָמִי in ^a): it is idiom. in the sense of “(in conflict) *with*,” 9¹⁴, Ps. 94¹⁶ (*Lex.* 767b, c).

18. אָגַדְתִּי I ought to have expired, and so אוֹבֵל and אוֹבֵל in 19 (Dr. 39β; and on 9²⁹). Ἐκ καὶ οὐκ ἀπέθανον, and οὐκ εἶδεν, and οὐκ ἀπηλλάγην in 19^b, not understanding the force of the impf., and paraphrasing to make sense.

20. יִחַדְתִּי Kt. יִחַדְתִּי, Qrê יִחַדְתִּי. But for יָמֵי יִחַדְתִּי Ἐ has (ἡ οὐκ ὀλίγος ἐστὶν) ὁ βίος τοῦ χρόνου μου (*A Syr.-H.*, Hier. Copt. Arab.^{Baud.} better, ὁ χρόνος τοῦ βίου μου), and ܐܢܬܝ ܡܚܬܠܦܢ ܡܚܘܘܬܬܐ ܡܝܬܚܝܠܝܢ ܢܒܝܐ ܐܢܝ, a “schöne Lesung” (Bu.), obviously superior to either יִחַדְתִּי or יִחַדְתִּי; so Wr. Bi.² Be. Bu. Du. Ho. St. On חָלַד, v. on 11¹⁷.

יָשִׁית Kt. יָשִׁית (juss., for יָשֵׁת), Qrê יָשִׁית (imper.). With יָשִׁית an ellipse of יָדוּ, פָּנָיו, עֵינָיו, לָבוֹ (7¹⁷: cp. Is. 41²²) might be supposed; but though to set the hand, face, etc., *upon* or *to* is intelligible, to set . . . *from* is not a natural expression;

we should expect “to remove from.” Du. *Lass ab von mir*, suggesting that “שית מן is perhaps a techn. term from the workshop or war; cf. שית in Ps. 3⁷ אשר סביב נִשְׁתּוּ עָלַי (Is. 22⁷), and שִׁימוּ 1 K. 20¹²; a word like יָד may be supplied”; but the difficulty of setting the hand “from” still remains. ἔξασόν με (= שַׁעַה, 7¹⁹), פָּרִיק, שַׁעַה, or שַׁעַה, is very probable. Cf. especially Ps. 39¹⁴ (noticing the sequel) הִנֵּי־עַה (rd. שַׁעַה,—or, at least, if the Hif. was really in use, הִנֵּי־עַה) מִמֶּנִּי וּבְלִינָה בְּטָרֶם אֵלַי וְאִנִּי.

21. צלמות] see on 3⁵.

22. עֲפָתָה Am. 4¹³ (עִפָּה) †; cf. מָעוֹף (in מָעוֹף צוֹקָה), Is. 8²² †, מוֹעֵף, v. 23 †, and תַּעֲוֹפָה (תַּעֲוֹפָה), Jb. 11¹⁷ †. The הָ, by G-K. 90g. ע' seems to be the Mass. reading (v. Gi.): the MSS which Baer prefers have ע' (see Baer, p. 40).

סדרים] = *and disorders*, the לֹא negating ס', as in עם, בחרב לא־אִישׁ, הם קנאוני בלא־אל . . . ואני אקניאם בלא־עם (G-K. 152a, note). סָדֵר, only here in OT.,—though שְׂדֵרוֹת, *rows, ranks*, 2 K. 11^{8, 15} = 2 Ch. 23¹⁴ (cf. 1 K. 6⁹; Jg. 3²³) † is substantially the same word,—means *ordered arrangement, row*: both סָדֵר, to *set in order*, and סָדֵר are common in Aram. and NH. (עָרַךְ=סָדֵר, Gn. 22⁹ ①; מַעֲרָכָה=סָדֵרָא Lv. 24⁶ ①). ἔ for לֹא סדרים has οὐ οὐ εἶσιν φέγγος = נְהָרָה (3⁴): Schwally, *Leben nach d. Tode*, 1892, p. 61 n., Be.

ותפע] and *it shineth*; G-K. 144c. The poet dwells upon the thought of the great darkness of Sheol. To some critics, however, parts, or even the whole, appear to be tautologous; and so Bi. Du. suppose the whole v. to be an expansion of 21^b by a later hand, while Me. Sgf. Gr. Che. Be.^T excise כמו אפל ותפע כמו אפל as a faulty dittograph of עפתה כמו אפל. Really, however, as Bu. remarks, the v. forms a forcible and poetical climax to vv. 18-21, though he admits that in parts it is over-full: he would thus read אפל ארץ עפתה ולא סדרים ותפע כמו אפל: the comparison of one kind of darkness with another (עפתה כמו אפל) is not natural; and he supposes that a scribe's eye passed from עפתה to ותפע, and he accordingly wrote by mistake the two following words כמו אפל, and then, as ולא סדרים was too short for the next clause, prefixed to it צלמות. The closing tristich is effective; but the repetition of כמו אפל cannot be called an elegance.

CHAPTER XI.

2. הָרַב דְּבָרִים] $\text{Ἐ} \acute{o} \tau\alpha \pi\omicron\lambda\lambda\acute{\alpha} \lambda\acute{\epsilon}\gamma\omega\nu, \Sigma \acute{o} \pi\omicron\lambda\upsilon\lambda\alpha\lambda\omicron\varsigma, \text{Ἐ}$
 דְּמַסְגִּי מִלִּיִּיא, $\text{Ἦ} \text{qui multa loquitur}$, Saad. كَثِيرُ الْكَلَامِ, *i.e.* 'הָרַב ר'.
 Either might be right; but the variety of ff is more pleasing.

3. יוֹחֲרִישׁוּ] the only place in which הַחֲרִישׁ means "to make
 silent"; hence as S has, "Lo, on account of thy words (עַל מַלִּיךְ)
 the dead (!) are silent," Be. would read לְבַדִּיךְ, and Du. (but
 only with "wohl") either this, or (better) מַבְדִּיךְ or עַל בְּדִיךְ.
 But there is no reason why הַחֲרִישׁ, though it usually means
 to *show silence*, should not also have denoted *make silent*.
 Ἐ strangely $\epsilon\upsilon\lambda\omicron\gamma\eta\mu\acute{\epsilon}\nu\omicron\varsigma \gamma\epsilon\nu\eta\eta\tau\omicron\varsigma \gamma\upsilon\nu\alpha\iota\kappa\omicron\varsigma \omicron\lambda\iota\gamma\acute{o}\beta\iota\omicron\varsigma$,—as
 though (Du.) מְבַרֵךְ (בְּרִיךְ) מָעַט יִם יֵלֶךְ אֶשְׁה!

וְתִלְעַג] As Di. rightly remarks, 'ל can only express some-
 thing that has actually taken place: so that EVV., "*Should thy*
boastings . . . ?" is incorrect, and vv.^{3.4} must be rendered,
 "Thy boastings *bring* men to silence," etc. If the words
 are to be taken as a question, we must read וְתִלְעַג (with תִּאמַר
 in ⁴); so Bu.

מִכְבֹּלָם] The Hif. written defectively, "as often in Job in
 pause ($\text{I}4^9 \text{2I}^{10} \text{22}^{29} \text{29}^{13} \text{35}^{16}$ ") (Bu.). $\text{Ἐ} \acute{o} \alpha\nu\tau\iota\kappa\rho\iota\nu\acute{o}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\varsigma =$
 מְכִיחַ. S has a doublet, וְכָלָל לֶב and וְסָכַס לֶב. Hence Be.^T
 מְכִיחַ (cf. 32^{12}); Be.^K either מְכִיחַךְ or לֵךְ לֵא: but upon insufficient
 grounds.

4. לִקְהִי] $\text{Ἐ} \text{Καθαρός εἰμι τοῖς ἔργοις}, \text{S} \text{לִקְהִי} \text{לִקְהִי}$,
 rightly have I *behaved myself*, whence Be. Du. Ho. St.,
 observing also that Job has never claimed that his "doctrine"
 is pure, and comparing ^b, would read לִכְתִּי, *my walking*
(behaviour). This may be right (see 9^{21} תָּם אֲנִי): the moral
 sense of לִכְתִּי would be apparent from וְלִי (cf. Pr. 15^{21} וְאִישׁ תְּבוּנָה
 וְיִשְׁרָאֵל; *Lex.* 234b).

בְּעֵינֶיךָ] in thy eyes, *i.e.* God's: see 10^7 . $\text{Ἐ} \epsilon\nu\alpha\nu\tau\acute{\iota}\omicron\nu \alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon$

= בעיני; so Me. Be.; there is, however, no antecedent to the pron., and the imagined address to God is more forcible (cf. 10^{2ff.}). Sgf. Du. בעיני; but Job claims more than this (10⁷).

5. [מי יתן אלוה דבר] the position of אלוה is very anomalous, and not really paralleled by לא נתן סיחון את ישראל עבר, Nu. 21²³, cf. 20²¹, and לא האמין סיחון את ישראל עבר, Jg. 11²⁰ (Kö. 414g, h); we should expect either דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהִים, lit. “the speaking of God” (cf. Ex. 16³ מִי יִתֵּן מוֹתָנוּ וְגו', 2 S. 19¹) or מִי יִתֵּן אֱלֹהִים יִדְבֵּר (cf. c. 14¹³ 6^s). יִפְתַּח would agree well with the foll. (14¹³).

6. [כי כפלאים] so Ἐ ὅτι διπλοῦς, Ὑῤ. But why should only “double” be mentioned (the paraphrase *manifold*, Ὑ *multiplex*, being very doubtful)? Read כִּי כְּפָאִים with Be.¹ Bu. Ch. (EB. 2471) (not כִּי כַפְלָאִים, as Me. Bi.² Du. Ho., for the secrets of God’s wisdom *are* wonders, and not merely *like* wonders; the fact that they are “wonders” need not imply (Du.) that, if declared to him by God, they would be above man’s comprehension), “that it is *marvellous* in effective counsel”; cf. Is. 28²⁹ הַפֶּלֶא עֲצָה הַגְדִּיל חוּשִׁיהָ, and עֲשֵׂה פֶלֶא of God often.

[וְדַע] “so know!” the imper. with י denoting a consequence expected with certainty (G—K. 110i; Dr. 65), though (Bu.) “וְדַע” would be clearer.” Ἐ καὶ τότε γνώσῃ, though it can hardly be inferred from this that the translators read וְדַע (Me.).

[כִּי יִשָּׁה לָךְ אֱלֹהִים מִעֲוֹנֶךָ] “causeth to be forgotten for thee (somewhat) of (מִן, part.) thine iniquity,” i.e. allows it to be unremembered, not brought up against thee. So Di. RVm.; cf. אֲנִשְׁי לָךְ. Bu. נִשָּׂה, *hath forgotten*. Ἐ ὅτι ἄξιά σου ἀπέβη ἀπὸ Κυρίου ὃν ἡμάρτηκας, whence Bi.¹ כִּי יִשָּׁה לָךְ וְגו', “that he *makes equal, requites*, to thee”; with this, however, כְּעוֹנֶךָ must be read (Bu.) for מִעֲוֹנֶךָ. Du. considers Ἐ to express כְּעוֹנֶךָ, “that there came to thee from God what corresponded to thy iniquity” (lit. “that it was equalled to thee from God according to thy iniquity”), though on account of its artificiality he thinks it inferior to ἴσθι: in either form, however, he regards the clause as a gloss, partly on account of its incompatibility with v. 13^{ff.}, partly on account of its prosaic character. But the clause is in substance, whatever

its exact form may have originally been, the necessary denial of ¹ (Bu.). For ἄξιον = יָשָׁה, cf. 33²⁷ לִי יָשָׁה (where see note), Pr. 3¹⁵ 8¹¹, Est. 7⁴.

7b. [תִּצְאָה] The repetition of the same word has led to the suspicion that it is due to a scribe: see, however, 8³ (Di.); and note that מִצָּא does not each time express the same sense [cf. G. B. Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, p. 154]. Be. Bu. תִּצְאָה; but “go out” is not suitable, nor does it equal “dringen” (Bu.). If a change is needed, תָּבֵא (Du.) is better, but תִּנָּע (Sgf.) best.

8. [גְּבַהֵי שָׁמַיִם] In גְּבַהֵי an exclamation, *The heights of heaven! what canst thou do* (sc. to scale them)? Cf. 22¹² גְּבַהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם; and עֲמָקֵי שְׂאוֹל, Pr. 9¹⁸ (Bu.). Ἐὐψηλὸς ὁ οὐρανός = (Du.) גְּבַהֵם שָׁמַיִם, which suggests either (Ol.) מִשְׁמַיִם, or—as feminines follow—גְּבַהֵה מִשְׁמַיִם (Me. Sgf. Be. Du.; Di. also inclines; cf. *U excelsior caelo est*). The fem. adj. will refer to תְּכֵלֶת [not to חֲכָמָה—Di. Du. Peake]; the limits of the Almighty are in every direction unsearchable.

9. [מִדָּה] as pointed, for מִדָּתָה: G-K. 91e, *end*; and see on 5¹³. But it is better to read מִדָּה as an adv. accus. (Ew. Di. Bu. etc.): cf. 15¹⁰ כְּבִיר מֵאֲבִיךָ יָמִים, and G-K. 131p, q, r (“apposition in the wider sense” being a not very happy expression for the adv. accus.).

10. [יַחְלִיף] Gr. ἵαταρ, *if he seizes* (9¹²), which suits יוֹסִיף even better than יַחְלִיף, and may well be right.

[אִם יַחְלִיף וַיִּסְגֵּר וַיִּקְהִיל וּמִי יִשְׁבְּנוּ] Ἐὰν δὲ κατασπρέψῃ τὰ πάντα, τίς ἐρεῖ αὐτῷ, τί ἐποίησας; cp. 9¹² Gr. Be.^T (cf. K) considers the v. to be patched up from Job's words in 9^{11. 12} and interpolated here, as is 12¹⁴ between vv.⁷ and ⁸ in MS^{Ken. 34}. He also denies to the v. rhythmical structure: and it is in fact necessary to stress the particle אִם in order to obtain the rhythm 3 : 3. If, however, this could be tolerated, the structure of the v. would have some resemblance to Gn. 49⁹, Nu. 23²³, on which see Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 79 f.]

[וּמִי] The apod. introduced by ו (except in the case of a pf. with ו cons.) is rare, though instances occur, e.g. 14⁷, Jos. 20⁵, 2 Ch. 7¹⁴ וְאֵנִי (Dr. 124, 136; and *Obs.* 2).

11. [ולא יתבונן] A circ. cl. = *without considering it*. [Some read לו for לא (note the variants in 13¹⁵), and to it he gives heed, which, however, lays a rather unnecessary stress on לו. § either did not read, or reading did not render, a negative—ססס ססס; but it is very unwise to claim, as Du. does, that Ε (ιδὼν δὲ ἄτοπα οὐ παρόψεται) read לו not לא. Ehrlich would read לא יתבוננו, *which they perceive not*.]

12. The following are the principal interpretations of this difficult verse:—

1. Di. Du. Volz:—

And so a hollow man getteth understanding,
And a wild ass's colt is born a man,

i.e. (as explained above), By the judgments of the All-wise, ignorance and conceit are removed, and an obstinate and intractable nature, like Job's, is tamed. ילבב only here; but, as לב = *understanding*, the rendering given is a natural one for it (so already Rashi and Ibn Ezra, יקנה לב Qi. (*Lex.*) פירוש האדם נבוב וחלול בתחלה באין ידעה ואחר כך ילבב שיש לי לבב (ודעה).

2. De.¹ Kamph. Studer, and (substantially) RVm. :—

But a hollow man getteth understanding,

And (= as little as) a wild ass's colt is born a man:

and expressing a comparison, as 5⁷ (where see n.). But this rendering represents Job as incorrigible, and is inconsistent with v. 13^{ff.}, in which Zophar sets himself to reform Job.

3. Hi. De.²:—

But (even) a hollow man may get understanding,

And a wild ass's colt be born a man.

None need be despaired of: even the least intelligent, just as Job, may get wisdom, and the most intractable may be tamed.

4. Bu. (with ילמר for ילר):—

But a hollow man may get understanding,

And a wild ass's colt may let itself be tamed:

נלמד, be *taught*, or, of an animal, be *trained* or *tamed*, as Hos. 10¹¹ עֲנֵלָה מִלְמָדָה. Older scholars regarded the Nif. יִלְבֵּב as *privative*: so Ges. (*Thes.* 738a) “*Sed homo carus est et mente caret, et instar pulli onagri homo nascitur.* Significatur imbecillitas et stupor ingenii humani cum divina sapientia comparati.” RV. “But vain man is void of understanding, Yea, man is born (as) a wild ass’s colt.” But though the Pi. is so used as to acquire a privative sense (Ew. § 120e; G-K. 52*h*), there is no evidence that the Nif. ever acquired it.

אָפּוֹס, [עִיר פָּרָא] appos., “a foal, a wild ass,” עִיר denoting the genus, and פָּרָא the species, like נַעֲרָה בְּתוּלָה, “a girl, a virgin”; G-K. 131*b* (but 131*c*, n. עִיר is treated as a *sf. c.*).

אָדָם יוֹלֵד [אָדָם יוֹלֵד] may be born a man,—אָדָם accus. of the product (G-K. 121*d*; cf. on 15⁷).

13. הַכִּינּוֹת & καθάρων ἔθου = הַכִּינּוֹת.

וּפָרָשָׁתָּהּ the pf. and ו cons., carrying on the hypoth. הכִּנּוֹת . . . אָם; see on 9³⁰.

14. The v., as it stands, must be parenthetical (cf. 8^{6a}, Di.),¹⁵ being the apod. to 13. Du., arguing that such an important condition for a prayer to be accepted would not appear in a parenth. clause, would read אִם־אֵין מִיָּדְךָ הֶרְחִיק וְלֹא וְג', “If naughtiness keeps far (הֶרְחִיק intr. as Gn. 44⁴ al.) from thy hand, And iniquity dwelleth (*v.i.*) not in thy tent”: but the exhortation that Job should himself put iniquity from him, is both more forcible and more what would be expected.

וְהִשְׁכַּח (μὴ ἀλλοισθήτω), 'ΑΘΣΥ, Du. Be. הִשְׁכַּח: weaker and unnecessary.

וְהִלָּךְ so always (for 'אָהָל) in the pl. before light suffixes: G-K. 93*r*. But &ΣΘ 'ΑΣΘΥ, Saad., and 40 MSS וְהִלָּךְ (Ps. 61⁵), which is perhaps preferable (cf. the sg. in 5²⁴ 19¹² 22²³ 29⁴ 31³¹).

15. כִּי אָז [indeed, then, as עַתָּה, 8⁶: cf. Dr. 142; and for כִּי אָז in the apod., though in a different case, after a protasis introduced by לִי, 2 S. 2²⁷ 19⁷ (Dr. 139).

מִמּוֹם away from (= without) spot: מִן, away from, as 28⁴, Nu. 15²⁴ al. (*Lex.* 578a, b); and = without, as 19²⁶ 21⁹, Pr. 1³³

(*ib.*). $\Xi \omega\sigma\pi\epsilon\rho \upsilon\delta\omega\rho \kappa\alpha\theta\alpha\rho\acute{o}\nu$ = במים, supposed by Bi. Be. to have crept in here from v.^{16b}; ממום, representing it, is consequently deleted by them.

[מִצֵּק] *firmly established*, Hof. ptc. of יָצַק: in many edd. מִצֵּק; cf. G-K. 71. יָצַק is to *pour out*; but the word is often used of the *casting* of metals; and hence, in the pass. ptc. and some derivatives, it appears to have acquired the sense of *firm*: cf. 37¹⁸ מוֹצֵק בְּרָאִי הַזֶּקֶם, “strong as a *molten* (i.e. *firmly cast*) mirror,” 41^{15, 16} יָצִיק לְמוֹצֵק 38³⁸ בַּעֲקֶה עָפָר לְמוֹצֵק, “when the dust floweth into *compactness*”; 1 S. 2⁸ מִצֹּק (in מִצִּיקֵי אֶרֶץ), a *cast* (metal column) = *strong support*. Me. Wr. וְהָיִיתָ מֶזֶק, and thou shalt be *purified* (זָקַק, Mal. 3³: cf. on 28¹); cf. Σ כִּנֹּן מִהֲבֹלָא Σ כִּנֹּן, for זָקַק 28¹, Ps. 12⁷); but this does not suit well with וְלֹא תִירָא. Bi., cleverly, וְהָיִיתָ מִצָּקָה, “and if distress (15²⁴) comes, thou wilt not fear”; Be. וְהָיִיתָ בְּצֹק (Dn. 9²⁵ †) or מוֹצֵק = “and if thou art *in distress* (or *distressed*: Hof. ptc. of צָוַק, cf. the Hif. Is. 51¹⁸ הַמִּצִּיק), thou wilt not fear.” But in the sequel (vv.¹⁶⁻¹⁹) no *recurrence* of trouble is contemplated. Bu. Du. are both satisfied with Σ ,—Du. merely adding that any one stumbling at מִצָּק might perhaps read better וְהָיִיתָ מִצָּק. But this would be poor and doubtful Heb. for “be *free from* distress.”

16. [בִּי אַתָּה עֹמֵל תִּשְׁכַּח] on the order (subj. obj. verb), of which there are many examples (*e.g.* Gn. 17⁹, Ps. 10¹⁴ 56⁷), see Dr. 208. 3; G-K. 142 f., c. Σ כִּסְסִי־בִי for בִּי אַתָּה, whence Me. Bi. Hfm. Sgf. Be. Bu. Du. would read עֹמֶה for אַתָּה. But עֹמֶה is expressed by Σ וְסִי (v. עֹמֶה in Job, *passim*): Σ וְסִי corresponds to Σ וְסִי (v.¹⁵ 9³¹ 13²⁰ etc.). אַתָּה and עֹמֶה are sometimes confused; and we may, if we please, read עֹמֶה *without* the support of Σ ; but the change is unnecessary; a slight emph. on the pron. is not at all out of place.

[בְּמִיָּם] not בְּמִיָּם, the term being defined by the foll. rel. clause (*Lex.* ה, I, f).

17. [מִצְהָרִים] more (brightly) than the noon, the attribute compared being left to be understood (G-K. 133^e); cf. Ps. 4⁸, Is. 10¹⁰. חֶלֶד alone is as bald in Heb. as it would be in English

(EVV. have to supply "thy" in italics): rd. חֲלֹדֶךָ. Θ ἐκ δὲ μεσημβρίας ἀνατελεῖ σοι ζωή (not apparently *reading*, but supplying, the pron.),—a beautiful image, but hardly that of the Heb.

חֲלֹדֶךָ] prop. *duration*; and so *time*, *age*, with the collat. idea of *transient*: Ps. 17¹⁴ 39⁶ 49² 89⁴⁸ (but rd. prob. מָה חֲלֹדֶךָ), + Jb. 10²⁰ (*vid. n.*), Is. 38¹¹ חֲלֹדֶךָ עִם יוֹשְׁבֵי חֲלֹדֶךָ (rd. חֲלֹדֶךָ; cf. Ps. 49²) †. An interesting word. The $\sqrt{\text{ }}$ does not occur in Heb.; but the Arab. خلد, to *abide* or *continue perpetually*, is very common, oft. in Qor. in the expression خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا, *abiding* in them (the gardens of Paradise) *continually* (Qor. 3¹³. 130. 197 etc.), and خلد *eternity*, = *eternal life*, Qor. 21³⁵, punishment of *eternity*, 32¹⁴. The $\sqrt{\text{ }}$, signifying properly to *continue*, *endure*, has thus in the two languages acquired different nuances: in Arab. it denotes *eternal* duration, in Heb., of human life, *transient* duration. EVV. Ps. 17¹⁴ 49² *world* (*i.e.* "world" in the sense of *time*, αἰών, as in "world without end"), of the (fleeting) age, or existence (Ps. 49² "ye that *dwell* in חֲלֹדֶךָ"), of human life.

תִּעָפֶּה] 3 fem. sg. cohort. (the *fem.*, as 10²²: G-K. 144c), forming, with תהיה, on the analogy of the double jussive (Dr. 152. 3), a condit. sentence. It is true, the coh. is not so used elsewhere; and the *third* pers. in the coh. is of rare occurrence (Dr. 45 *n.*; G-K. 48a); but, though ΣC express a subst., and many moderns accordingly read תִּעָפֶּה (of the same form as תבואה, תרומה, etc.), the hypoth. sense which seems to be intended, is expressed better by ft (so Ew. *Lb.* § 357b; Del. Di. Bu.).

18. וְרַבְצָתָּ] The *tipha* is prepositive; but the metheg, marking the countertone, shows that the pf. is *milra'*, and that the ו is consequently the ו consec. So וְרַבְצָתָּ, v.¹⁹.

כי יש תקוה] So Pr. 19¹⁸, Ru. 1¹²: cf. c. 14⁷.

וְחִפְרָתָּ לַבַּטָּח תִּשְׁכַּח] Dr. 162, 163, with *Obs.* In Heb., esp. in poetry, two verbs are not unfrequently put ἀσυνδέτως, where we should use a prep., or *so that*, to bring out the relation between them: cf. 31³⁴ וְאַדְמָה לֹא אֵצֶל פֶּתַח, not *going out* to the gate; Ps. 50²⁰ תִּהְיוּ בְּאֶחָיוּרָם; Nu. 14³ *so that* or *while* our children will become a prey, 1 S. 18⁵ יִשְׁכַּל . . . וַיֵּצֵא דָוִד,

doing wisely; Is. 3²⁶ וְנִקְתָּהּ לָאָרֶץ תֵּשֵׁב, and she shall be emptied, *sitting* on the ground, 29⁴ וְיִשְׁפֹּלֶתָּ מֵאֶרֶץ תְּדַבְּרִי, 27⁹ לֹא יִקְוּמוּ, 60¹¹ לֹא יִסְגְּרוּ: cf. on c. 30²⁸.—C for ^b has ἐκ δὲ μερίμνης καὶ φροντίδος ἀναφανείται σοι εἰρήνη, as though (Du.) they read מְחַרְדָּה וּמְשַׁח תִּשְׁלֶם; which Du., keeping, however, תִּשְׁכַּב, would adopt (“*without* care (?) and complaint thou wilt lie down”); but the sense of מֵן is dub. (v.^{15a} is different), and no change is necessary.

20. [כְּמִנְהוֹם] only here: cf. Aram. מִנְהוֹן (Dn. 2³³); and מִנְהוֹ, 4¹² †. See, further, G-K. 103m. After v.^{20c} C^A adds παρ’ αὐτῶ γὰρ σοφία καὶ δύναμις = עֲמוֹ חֲכָמָה וְגִבּוֹרָה (12¹³), which Me. Be.¹ oddly adopt here.

CHAPTER XII.

2. [אמנם כי cf. הָכִי, 6²²; הָלֹא כִי, 2 S. 13²⁸; אֵךְ כִי, 1 S. 8⁹ (*Lex.* 472a).

הָעָם] ye are *people*, a strange statement. Du. עַם, which is the least change that will suffice; Bi. עַם נָבוֹן; Be. עַרְפִּים for עַם (cf. Pr. 8¹² עֲרֻמָּה in a good sense, || תְּכַמֶּה); Gr. תְּכַמִּים; Klo. הִידָעַם, *they that know* (cf. 34²), an excellent || to ^b חֲכָמָה.

3. [לֹא נִפְלְא אֲנִי מִכֶּם] it is strange to find the same words in 13^{2b}, in the same speech. It is needed there to complete the couplet, while here it is not required. It is probably a gloss suggested by 13², written here originally on the margin, which afterwards found its way into the text (so Me. Bi. Di. Sgf. Be. Du.). But ⚭ is not evidence of the omission, except for those who omit ^{3c}. ^{4a}. ^b as well; for ⚭ omits these lines also.

4. ⚭ (omitting ^a. ^b, perhaps by ὁμοιοτ.) δίκαιος γὰρ ἀνὴρ καὶ ἄμεμπτος ἐγενήθη εἰς χλευασμόν (obviously a rendering of ^c, שָׁחַק שָׁחֹק, from which nothing can be inferred as to ⚭'s reading of ^a. ^b); so Me. ⚭ סֹסֶן יִשְׁמַח לִבְסִיסוֹס סִסֵּן לִלְסֵן סִסֵּן. Sgf. for ⁴ reads שָׁחַק שָׁחַק לְרַעְיוֹ (לְרַעְיוֹ or? קָרָא לְאַלֹּהָ Be.^T לְפָרַע אֱהִיָּה שָׁחֹק צָדִיק וְתַמִּים (לְפָדִיר, from ⁵ צָדִיק וְתַמִּים לְפָדִיר; Be.^K אֱהִיָּה for אֱהִיָּה, with ⚭ (?; *v. supr.*), ⚭, and for ^c לְפָדִיר שָׁחֹק צָדִיק וְתַמִּים לְפָדִיר for calamity, from ⁵). Du. שָׁחַק לְרַעְיוֹ יִהְיֶה קָרָא לְאַלֹּהָ וְיַעֲנֶהוּ שָׁחֹק אִישׁ צָדִיק. Gr. for ^a יִהְיֶה לְרַעְיוֹ יִהְיֶה. Bi.² *m.c.* has to reduce ³⁻⁴ to a single couplet, גַּם לִי לִבִּי כַמֶּכָּה צָדִיקָה תְּכַמֶּה לְבָתִּי, quoting ⚭ (!), as support for 'ל' 'ח' 'צ' (לְבָתִּי from ⁵ לְפָדִיר). All these changes and omissions are arbitrary. Against Be.^K Du. Gr. it is to be remarked that קָרָא לְאַלֹּהָ וְיַעֲנֶהוּ makes a heavy subject for יִהְיֶה: ⚭ (so Bu.) is much better, “(One that is) a mockery to his

friend I am to be (see on 9²⁹), A caller unto God (in Eng. (A man) that called) unto God, and He answered him; the just, the perfect man is a mockery!" In the Heb. the changes of person, and the ellipses which have to be supposed in Eng., are not felt: cf. 18^{1a}, Is. 22¹⁶ (קברו . . . מזה לך), 47⁸ 48¹ 54¹ יְהִי עֲקָרָה (לֹא יִלְדָּה), "Shout, O barren one, she (that) hath not borne," Jer. 49^{4b, 16}, 2 K. 9³¹, Mic. 1² = 1 K. 22²⁸, Mal. 3⁹ (G-K. 144*p*, Eng. tr.).

5. Rendered usually (*e.g.* by De. Da.): "For calamity there is contempt according to the thinking of the prosperous, (It is) ready for those whose foot slippeth": so substantially Ew. Di. Bu., though, thinking that a subst. would be a better parallel to בּוֹח, they treat נִכַּח as one (from נִכְּחָה, נִכְּחָה, though not found elsewhere), and render ^b, "And a *stroke* for those whose foot slippeth." פִּיד, as 30²⁴ 31²⁹, Pr. 24²². עִשְׁתוֹת from √ עִשַׁח, to *think*, common in Aram. (Dn. 6⁴; אַתְעִשַׁח, Hos. 10¹³ ט al.; in Heb. יתעַשַׁח, Jon. 1⁶ †, and עִשְׁתֹּנֹת, *thoughts*, Ps. 146⁴ †, cf. ט (עִשְׁתֹּנֹת), Is. 41²⁹ 55⁷ al.). עִשְׁתוֹת, in view of the meaning of עִשַׁח, is a suspicious form; but the change to עִשְׁתֹּנֹת would be very slight. G freely, εἰς χρόνον γὰρ τακτὸν ἡτοίμαστο πεσεῖν ὑπ' ἄλλων, taking no account of לפִּיד בּוֹח, and in χρ. τ. apparently thinking of לַעֲתוֹת for לַעֲשׂוֹת: hence Bi., cleverly, בּוֹח לַעֲתוֹת, "The prosperous despiseth the Almighty's time (of judgment: cf. 24¹), At the appointed time (cf. Ps. 75³) *his* foot stands firm" (he does not dread it). Du. בּוֹח לַעֲתוֹת שֶׁאֵין נִכַּח לְמוֹעֵד רִגְלוֹ (תָּמִיד הָיוּ לִפִּיד בּוֹח לַעֲתוֹת שֶׁאֵין נִכַּח לְמוֹעֵד רִגְלוֹ), "The prosperous despiseth the Almighty's time (of judgment: cf. 24¹), At the appointed time (cf. Ps. 75³) *his* foot stands firm" (he does not dread it). Du. בּוֹח לַעֲתוֹת שֶׁאֵין נִכַּח לְמוֹעֵד רִגְלוֹ (תָּמִיד הָיוּ לִפִּיד בּוֹח לַעֲתוֹת שֶׁאֵין נִכַּח לְמוֹעֵד רִגְלוֹ), "The prosperous despiseth times of destiny (foretold by prophets or apocalyptists: cf. 1 Ch. 12³², Est. 1¹³), For the appointed time his foot stands firm."

6. [יִשְׁלִי] G-K. 29*t*, 75*u*. The form יִשְׁלִי is, however, not necessarily (Be.) a *pausal* form (see, *e.g.*, Is. 21¹² תִּבְעִי, 56¹² אֲתִי, Jer. 12⁹ הֲתִי), and it may (against G-K.) begin a sentence (Ps. 68³² יִאֲתִי; and at least after א, Ps. 122⁶ יִשְׁלִי). As the text stands, אֱהִי לְשֹׁדִים will be poet. for אֱהִי לְשֹׁדִים (*Lex.* 513*b*; Ps. 37¹⁶ 58⁵ 105³⁶ 116¹⁵ 123^{4b}); but Sgf. Bu. יִשְׁלִי לְשֹׁדִים, though not in itself necessary, has the advantage of making ^a

and ^b uniform in construction. Be. supposes אלהים to be a tendentious correction of אלהים, and would read לשדרי שלום, “wohl geht es denen die Gott trotzen”; but שדר is to *spoil, devastate*, which is much more than *trotzen*, and not a word likely to have been used with God as an object.

[במחית] only here: the pl. with an intensive force: G-K. 124a, e; for the form, see Kō. ii. 201.

[לאשר וג'] Sgf. לאשר הביא באלוה ידו (so Be.^T; Be.^K הניף for הביא), “hath brought (*or* swung) his hand against God.” Du. לאמר הכי אלוה בידו, “Who saith, Is not God in my hand?” but *is not* is הלא (Gn. 27³⁶ is different); and this is merely the sense expressed by אלא without emendation.

7a. [תרך] prob. from ^{8a}. Read with א Du. ותאמר לך, the fem. sg. by G-K. 145k. Me. Bu. om., as introduced by error from ^{8a}.

8. [או שיה לארץ] שיה is usually *to muse*, with collat. idea of *complain* (v. on 7¹¹); poet. for *talk*, Jg. 5¹⁰, Ps. 69¹³ 105², Pr. 6²². But in view of ^{7a}. ^{8b} a syn. of רמש is greatly desiderated. Rd. either (Be.^K Du.) או לחלי ארץ (Mic. 7¹⁷, Dt. 32²⁴ עפר לחלי), or (Hi. Sgf.) או שרין הארץ, or (Kautzsch, Bu.) חית הארץ (cf. Ew. *Lehre der Bibel* (1874), iii. 13; Di. (keeping שיה), או שיה לחית הארץ).

8b, 9 in א are from Θ. Be. would omit them; but he does not explain what the antecedent to אשר in v.¹⁰ would be.

9. [עשתה זאת] G-K. 20c.

אלוה 7 [יהוה]

II. Form of comparison, as 5⁷.

ל [ימעם לו] the reflexive ל: 5²⁷ 13¹.

12. [בישישים] ישיש, 15¹⁰ 29⁸ 32⁶ † ישיש, 2 Ch. 36¹⁷ †. Du., cleverly, but needlessly (for the sense comes to the same as when אלא is taken, as by Hi. Bu. RVm., as a quotation of the opinion of friends), הכי שנים.

13. [עצה] Bu. “עצם (30²¹), or rhythmically better, and graphically easier, עצמה (Is. 40²⁹).”

14. . . . ולא . . . ולא א: ומי יבנה . . . ומי יפתח. “nemo est qui . . . nullus est qui . . .”; but אלא is equally probable. Bi. Be. Du. suppose that originally the clauses

varied, and that they were assimilated by **MA** and **GS** differently; but if so, **ומי**, as the more rhetorical and forcible expression, should stand in ^b.

15. [עצר ב'] as 4².

ויבשר ξηρανεῖ ἡδ ἡγγ: Du. Be.^K **יִבֶּשׁ**; but an obj. expressed is desiderated. Of course the waters held back are not these which are dried up: but all that the poet means is that, when there is a flood, if the supply of water ceases, the water forming the flood quickly evaporates or otherwise disappears.

16. [תושיה] 5¹² n.

[שגג ומשגה] in one MS ^{Ken.} 245 שונה ומ'. A proverbial expression for *all, every one*: cf. עצור ועוזב (Dt. 32²⁶ with Dr.'s n.), הרוה את הצמאה, Dt. 29¹⁸, and, perhaps, ער וענה (Mal. 2¹² with Dr.'s n.). Still closer to the form of phrase used here are the Arabic phrases **المسمع والساءع** (which would be equivalent in Hebrew to **המשמיע והשומע** and **الشاهد والمشهود عليه**) (cited with some other examples in Ges. *Thes.* p. 1362a), in the light of which the proposal to read **משגהו** for **משגה** is not only unnecessary, but improbable. Nor is Ehrlich's **ומשגה**, "every one that errs and every *error*," acceptable.]

17. **שולל** v.¹⁹, Mic. 1⁸ †. The sg. construed with a pl., as **ערום ויהי**, Is. 20⁴; **ערום**, c. 24^{7.10}. The adj. in all such cases is syntactically in the accus., defining the state (Dr. 161. 2 n.; G-K. 1180): usually the adj. agrees with the noun, but in the cases quoted it remains sing., lit. (as) *one stripped, naked*, etc. (The Syr. **ܠܥܪܝܢ** (24¹⁰), *naked*, is indeclinable: KÖ. 332h; PS. 2989; Nöld. *Syr. Gr.* § 244.)

[**מוליד יועצים שולל**] As Du. remarks, this is suspiciously like ^{19a}; **שִׁבֵּל** (**סִבֵּל**) is a better || to **יהולל** than **שולל** (see esp. Is. 44²⁵), and **GS**^A has **יועצי ארץ** for **יועצים**: hence Du. would read **יועצי ארץ יִסְבֵּל**. Clever, and (Bu.) "sehr erwägenswert."

יהולל . . . 'י] G-K. 116x; Dr. 117.

18. **מוסר** [מוסר] is *discipline*, but only *moral discipline*, not the constraint, or authority, exercised by a king. Rd. there-

fore מוֹסֵר (cf. שושילתא, *U balteum*), *bond* (from מוֹסֵר),—otherwise only in the pl., which indeed would here be an improvement (מוֹסְרִי); and cf. 39⁵ וּמִסְרוֹת עֶרֶוּר מִי פָתַח; Ps. 116¹⁶. So Di. Bu. Du. etc.

אָסֵר in the sense *gird* (Neh. 4¹² †) is an Aramaic usage (W. R. S.); cf. in § Ex. 12¹¹, Jer. 17, 2 K 3²¹; and PS. 32¹ אָסַרְנִי (3), 32² אָסַרְנִי (2), אָסַרְנִי (2).

אָוֹר] Not a “girdle,” such as was worn *above* the robes, but (W. R. Smith, *JQR.*, 1892, 289 ff.; *EB.* 1734), a *loin-cloth*, worn round the loins, and tied with a knot, and worn as an *under-garment*, next the skin (Jer. 13^{1, 11}, Is. 11⁵), or, it might be, as the only garment. It is mentioned in the OT. as worn by warriors (Is. 5²⁷; cf. the illustr. in Rawlinson, *Anc. Monarchies*, i. 430, of two Ass. warriors, wearing a broad-patterned loin-cloth round their otherwise naked bodies), a prophet,—as a mark of primitive simplicity (2 K. 1⁸): *v.* further *Lex.* Here the אָוֹר, as the *only* garment worn, is the badge of a captive or slave (a mark of the king’s limitation). Gr. Du. Ho. Be. St. אָסִיר, *bands* (Jg. 15¹⁴); but if W. R. Smith’s explanation is correct, no change is needed.

19. מוֹלִיךְ] in loose appos. to the sf. in עָמֹו; cf. 25² 267⁹. This is better than to regard it as an accus. of state (Gn. 3⁸ etc., 1 K. 14⁶; Dr. 161, *Obs.* 2; G-K. 118*p*).

אֵיתָנִים] *firmly established*: “mighty” (EVV.) is a mere *quid pro quo*. אֵיתָן (in form an “elative,” like the opp. אֶכְיָב: G-K. 85*b*, 133*a*, n.) is another word (cf. on 9²⁶), the proper sense of which was lost by the Jews, and only recovered when Arabic began to be compared systematically with Hebrew, some 300 years ago. The renderings *mighty*, *strong*, *strength* are in reality only guesses made from the context, found sometimes in the ancient versions, and adopted generally by the mediæval Jews, whom the translators of AV. often followed as their guide. But the Arab. *watana*, as Schultens showed (*Orig. Hebrææ*, 1724, i. 8, ed. 2, 1761, p. 112 ff.), means to *be constant*, *permanent*, *unfailing*, esp. of water, but also of other things, as the ptcp. *wātin* of a *constant* friend (p. 110). This explains

the Heb. usage: thus נחל איתן, a *perennial, ever-flowing*, wady (Am. 5²⁴, Dt. 21⁴); *permanent, enduring*, of a bow (Gn. 49²⁴); of a secure, impregnable dwelling, Nu. 24²¹ (|| שים בסלע), Jer. 49¹⁹; of a nation, whose numbers never dwindle or fail, *imperishable*, Jer. 5¹⁵; and here of men *firmly seated*, or *established*, in positions of dignity (*v.* further *Lex.*).

וְיִסְלֶף דְּבָרִי צְדִיקִים Ex. 23⁸ = Dt. 16¹⁹ (of a bribe), Pr. 13⁶ 19³ אָלַת אָדָם תִּסְלֶף דְּרָכּוֹ, 21¹² 22¹² † סֶלֶף, Pr. 11³ 15⁴ †. The √ idea seems to be to be *crooked*; and so in Pi. to *pervert*, *subvert*, or *upset* (see *Thes.*; and Del. on Pr. 11³,—much fuller than Toy). Arab. *salafa* is to *go before*, *precede* (Lane, 1407 f.), which does not help us. Levy cites two passages from T, Pr. 10¹⁰ (סֶלֶף, *one who is crooked with his lips* = Heb. אָוִיל), and Est. 10¹¹ 6¹⁰ פִּימִיהָ אֶסְחָלֶף, the mouth *verdrehte sich*.

20. [מסיר שפה ל] after a vb. of removing is strange: but it can only mean *with regard to*: so Ps. 40¹¹ 84¹².

21. [מְזִיחַ †] מִזֶּה, Is. 23¹⁰, Ps. 109¹⁹ †.

אֶפְקִים elsewhere a *channel*, esp. of a stream (6¹⁵ al.), or *tube* (poet. of a bone), 40¹⁸ (see also on 41⁷),—apparently something that *restrains*, or *confines* (cf. הִתְאַפֵּק, to *restrain* oneself); but from this a sense such as *mighty* can be obtained only artificially (Di. “*der viel Umfassende, hier speciell der an Kraft Vielvermögende, Gewaltige*”). Read either (Bu.) אֶמְיָצִים, *the strong* (9¹⁹, Is. 28³ al.), or (Du.) אֶבְיָרִים, *the mighty* (24²² 34²⁰), or (Be.) תִּקְיָפִים, *the strong* (Aram., Dan. 2⁴⁰ etc.; otherwise in Heb. only Qoh. 6¹⁰: the vb. תִּקַּף, however, in 14²⁰).

23. [מִשְׁגִּיא] *increasing*; see on 8⁷. 'AΘΞ and 7 MSS מִשְׁגִּיא = מִשְׁגָּה (*v.*¹⁶), causing to err, *misleading* (so Me. Sgf.; the ל, after a Hif., as Gn. 9²⁷ לִיפֹת א' לִיפֹתָ (*Lex.* 511b, c).

לְגוֹיִם (2)] the ל, as 5². But 5 MSS לְאֶמְיָצִים, which may be right [cf. 8³ n.].

וַיִּנְחֵם] *and leads them away* (Di. De.); but this is doubtfully supported by 2 K. 18¹¹ (read rather here, with Hi., וַיִּנְחֵם בַּחֲלָה וְג', “and *set* them in *Halah*,” etc.; and so 1 K. 10²⁶): הִנְחָה is everywhere else used in a good sense. Read וַיִּנְחֵם, though not (Hi.) in the sense of *settles them* (which would need the *place* to be specified, as Is. 14¹ אֲדַמְתָּם עַל הַנְּחָם, besides being unsuited to

the context), but in that of *leaveth them, forsaketh them* (וַיִּאַבְדּוּ^a), which is the sense of הִנִּיחַ, when used absolutely, as Jg. 16²⁶, Jer. 14⁹ אֵל תִּנְחֵנִי (so Wr.).

24. עַם] om. G Bi. Lag. Du.

דֶּרֶךְ] = a *pathless waste* (Dr. 164; G-K. 152u); cf. 26² 38²⁶ אֵישׁ לֹא אֵרֶץ עַל הַמָּטִיד, 2 S. 23⁴ בֹּקֶר לֹא עָבֹת, a *cloudless morning*, Ps. 88⁵ אֵין אֵין אֵין.

25. יִמְשִׁשׁוּ חֹשֶׁךְ] *they feel darkness* (not, *grope in darkness*); sq. acc., as Gn. 31³⁴ and Laban *felt about* all the tent (sq. ב, 25¹⁴, Dt. 28²⁹).

חֹשֶׁךְ וְלֹא אֹר] is sometimes strengthened by the addition of וְלֹא אֹר (Am. 5^{18. 20}, La. 3²): so the meaning might be simply "they feel darkness, and not light." לֹא abs. sometimes denies Gn. 29⁷, Nu. 20⁵, Is. 44¹⁹, Jer. 5¹² (*Lex.* 519a, b, b), so the words (as a circ. cl.) might be rendered *and there is no light*, like 22¹⁶ וְלֹא עַת (but many MSS here בְּלֹא), Ps. 104²⁵ 105³⁴; but לֹא alone, as 2⁴, would be better then (so Sgf. Du. Be.^K Bu.), cf. (after a vb.) c. 34²⁴.

וַיִּתְעַם] G πλανηθείσαν δέ, whence Bi. Du. Bu. (in note) וַיִּתְעַם (Nif.: cf. Is. 19¹⁴ שְׁבוּר פְּתָחוֹת), avoiding the repetition from 24^b, securing the same subj. as in ^a, and making the line somewhat fuller.

CHAPTER XIII.

1. בל *i.e.* (Di. Du.) everything relating to God's rule of the world, and pertinent to the present subject. & Bi. אלה; but this is weak. 12 MSS, &²⁵³ בל-אלה; but "these things" is probably an addition (like *this* in EVV.), intended to limit "all" needlessly to what has just been said.

לה] the reflex. ל, as 12¹¹.

3. אולם אני as 5⁸.

הוֹכֵחַ inf. abs., as 9¹⁸: G-K. 113d (not inf. c., 53k, with a?).

4. [ואולם אתם] strongly emphasizing the contrast between God and Job's friends. & Bi. Be. Du. St. ואתם; Me. Sgf. אתם alone. ואתם is more idiomatic than אתם; but it is decidedly weaker than ואלם אתם.

טפלי plasterers of. טפל (14¹⁷, Ps. 119⁶⁹ †) is in Syr. (rare) to *foul*; in Talm. (Levy) to *smear* or *daub*; in Jer. 43⁹ טפיל is *mortar*; תפל, plaster, whitewash, Ezk. 13^{10, 11, 14, 15} 22²⁸ is also evidently the same word. & freely *ἰατροὶ ἄδικοι*.

אָלֵל worthlessness, (cf. Syr. ܐܠܠܐ, *weak, feeble, poor*; perhaps also in usage felt to suggest אָל); so Zec. 11¹⁷ רֹעֵי הָאֵלִיל, a *worthless* shepherd, Jer. 14¹⁴ (rd. קסם אֵלִיל), a *worthless* divination: usually in pl. of *worthless gods* or *idols*.

6. תוכחתי & ἐλέγχον τοῦ στόματός μου = *reprove*, prob. rightly (Me. Bi. Wr. Di. Bu. al.).

7, 8. Notice the emphatic position of הָאֵל, וְלוֹ, הַפְּנִי, and לֹא before the verb.

תדברו . . . תדברו & λαλεῖτε . . . φθέγγεσθε [against the repetition in תל, see 8³ n.]. φθ. [nowhere else in & of OT., nor anywhere in 'ΑΘΣ, renders דבר, for which cf. only Sir. 13²², but it is] = הַבִּיעַ, Ps. 78² 94⁴; and in view of א, תַּבִּיעוּ may be right (Be. Du.). הַבִּיעַ is a poet. syn. of דִּבֶּר, implying

a *flow* of speech; and used in both a good (Ps. 119¹⁷¹ תַּפְעָנָה שִׁפְחֵי הַחֵלֶה) and a bad sense (Pr. 15² וּפִי כַסִּילִים יִבִּיעַ אוֹלֶת).

9. [נִקְהַתֵּל בְּאִנוּשׁ תִּהְיֶהֱלִי. Gn. 31⁷, Ex. 8²⁵, Jg. 16¹⁰, 13. 15[†]; Hof. הִיחֵל; Is. 44²⁰ †) is Hif. of חָלַל*; of this תִּהְיֶהֱלִי, and (less correctly) יִהְיֶהֱלִי, Jer. 9⁴ †, are, as pointed, Hif. with the ה anomalously retained (G-K. 539). But 1 K 18²⁷ we have a Pi. יִהְיֶהֱלִי †, in 17² the subst. הַחֵלִים †, and Is. 30¹⁰ מִהֲתֵלֹת †, which show that Heb. must have had a secondary verb הִחֵל formed from חָלַל; and in all probability the Pi. יִהְיֶהֱלִי, תִּהְיֶהֱלִי should be read here and Jer. 9⁴ (see Stade, § 145c).

10. [פָּנִים] שׁ שִׁטּוּ, *his face* (so Me. Sgf. Gr. Be. Du.): the rendering, however, is not evidence that these translators *read* פָּנִי; nor is the change necessary.

11. [שִׂאֵת] cf. 31²³, Gn. 49³, Hab. 1⁷, Ps. 62⁵ (not in all with quite the same *nuance*).

12. [זִכְרֹנִיכֶם זִכְרוֹן] is both a *memorial* (Ex. 12¹⁴ al.), or thing calling something else to remembrance, and a *memorandum*, or thing worthy itself of remembrance (Ex. 17¹⁴ בְּסֵפֶר זִכְרוֹן בְּסֵפֶר, al.): in Est. 6¹ זִכְרֹנֹת, סֵפֶר, book of things worthy of remembrance, as records; here, things worthy of remembrance, as *dicta* to be appealed to, common-places, apophthegms, stock instances.

[לִגְבֵי חֹמֶר גְּבִיכֶם] = “*become bosses of clay*,” the ל, as often, denoting *transition into* (Lex. ל 4), usually with a verb, as שָׁם, נָחַן, etc., but occasionally in poet. and late Heb. without one (*ib.* 512b), as Mic. 1¹⁴ בְּתִי אֲכֹיֵב לְאַכְזֹב, Hab. 1¹¹ זֶן כְּחוֹ לְאֱלֹהֵי, Zec. 4⁷, La. 4³.

[גְּבִיכֶם] נָב is prop. the *back* (Ps. 129³), then the back, *i.e.* the boss or “buckle,” of a shield (15²⁶), and hence Ges. *Thes. propugnaculum, arx*, comparing Arab. ظُفْر, *back* (also used of the *back* of a shield), in the same sense, as Hariri, *Cons.*, p. 85, de Sacy, “ut corroboretur *dorsum* eius in litigando, *i.e.* validum praesidium habeat.” Perhaps, however, Du. Bu. are right in giving נָב here the more obvious sense which it has in 15²⁶, the *boss* of a shield, fig. for *defence*.

13. [הַחֲרִישׁוֹ מִמֶּנִּי] the opp. הַחֲרִישׁוֹ אֵלַי, Is. 41¹; cf. Ps. 28¹, 1 S. 7⁸.

[אני] note the emph. position; cf. Jg. 8²³, 2 S. 12²⁸ 17¹⁵, Jer. 17¹⁸ 21⁵ (Dr., *Tenses*, p. 202).

[מה] idiom. for our "what will" (lit. *somewhat, aught*, 1 S. 19³ al.; *Lex.* 553^b, 3); cf. 2 S. 18²² אני נם ארצה-נא ויהי-מה ארץ, ²³ ויעבר עלי, מה על מה, "Und komme über mich *was und was!*" lit. *was zu was*; cf. Ezk. 7²⁶ הִנֵּה עַל הִנֵּה, Jer. 4²⁰. The proposal is clever but venturesome.

14. [על-מה וג'] Why should I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand? This, understood in the natural sense of the idiom in ^b, would mean, Why should I hazard, or *imperil*, my life (see Jg. 12³, 1 S. 19⁵ 28²¹, cf. Ps. 119¹⁰⁹) by continuing to defy God? This, however, is just what Job is doing, and continues to do; hence Ew. Di.¹ De. explain the phrase as meaning, Why should I make a desperate attempt to *save* my life by submitting to God, and allowing myself to be counted guilty by Him? But this sense of the idiom is against usage. RVm., with Schult., Rosenm., Renan, *at all adventures* (lit. *super quidquid fuerit = whatever happens*); but this is a highly questionable sense of על. It is far better, with Me. Di.² Bu. al., to omit על (which is not expressed by ע) as dittographed from ^{13b} עלי. [If על-מה be omitted the v. is in the normal 3:3 rhythm.]

15. [לא] so Kt.; לו, Qrê, 'A S¹U, Saad. (Ε έαν με χειρώσεται ο δυνάστης έπει και ήρκαται [הִחַל]).

[לא (לו) אִיחַל] has been very differently understood: יחַל is to *wait* (as of rain, not waiting for man's command, Mic. 5⁶), esp. to *wait expectantly*, c. 14¹⁴, Is. 42⁴ 51⁵ al., usually sq. ל or א; here, 6¹¹ and Ps. 71¹⁴ abs., and so nearly = *hope*. Hence (1) *I do not wait* (pregn.; sc. for anything better), virtually = *I have no hope* (Me. Bu. RVm.³ [Dr., *Book of Job in the Revised Version*, p. 37, n. p]); (2) *I do not wait* = *I need not wait* (Di.), i.e. *I do not wait* for my fate, I am sure of it (so virtually Da. RVm.², *I will not wait*, i.e. *I will not wait* for a more distant death, it is close at hand); but יחַל seems always to be used of waiting *hopefully* (for help, etc.); (3) Du., *I cannot hold out*, endure my present condition longer, "as in 6¹¹"; but this is not really the meaning of יחַל in 6¹¹; (4) with לו, *For him* do I

wait (Del., cf. RVm.¹), *i.e.* I am only waiting for Him to give me my death-stroke; but **יחל** never occurs in the sense of *waiting for anything evil* (contrast 30²⁶).

יקטלני is an *Aram.* word; elsewhere in Heb. only 24¹⁴, Ps. 139¹⁹ †; with **קטל**, Ob.⁹ †.

17. **שמעו שמוע**] So 21² (+ מלתי, as here), 37², Is. 6⁹ 55² †; G-K. 113n.

אֲחֹרָי †] Both the $\sqrt{\text{ }}$ and the form are Aramaic. **חִיָּה** (= **חַיָּה**, **חַיָּה**, common in $\mathcal{T}$ and Syr.; oft. = **הגיד**) in Heb. only 15¹⁷ 32⁶ 36^{2, 10, 17}, Ps. 19³ † and prob. 52¹¹: **אֲחֹרָה** (properly **אֲחֹרָיָה**; hence Lag. Bu. here **אֲחֹרָיָי**) is an inf. Afel (cf. Dn. 2¹⁰ **לְהַחֲיוֹת**), used as a subst.; cf. Dn. 5¹² **אֲחֹרָיָה אֲחִידִן**, the *declaring* of riddles: Ps. 49² $\mathcal{T}$ **שמעו אֲחֹרָיָה דא**, hear this *declaration* (teaching); for the form in Heb., see G-K. 85b (**אֲחֹרָה**), 85c (**הַנִּפְחָה**, inf. from **נָפַח**, formed on the *Aram.* type, cf. **הַחֲרָה**, Dn. 5²⁰). $\mathcal{E}$ *ἀναγγεῖλω* = **אֲחֹרָה**: so Di. Gr. Du. Be. But there are Aramaisms in Job; and the subst. is more forcible. [For the form of sentence (a subst. + **בְּאוּנִי**, but without a vb.) cf. 15²¹ and 2 S. 22⁷; but in the latter case **חֲבָה** has almost certainly dropped out (see Ps. 18⁷, and cf. Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 182, n. 1), and the same may well have happened here.]

18. **עֲרַכְתִּי**] [**ערך** to arrange, set in order (*e.g.* pieces of wood, (the dishes on) a table, (the line of) battle) is used with **מִלִּין** as the expressed object in 32¹⁴ (**השיב**, to answer), and probably, with the same or a synonymous word understood but not expressed, in 33⁵ (**השיב**) 37¹⁹ (**אמר ל**) of careful, well-arranged speech. **ערך משפט** might, therefore, well mean to set forth, or state a legal case, supporting it with carefully arranged arguments; and such certainly seems, and is generally taken to be, the meaning in 23⁴, where the parallel is particularly noticeable—**אֲעֲרֹכָה לִפְנֵי מִשְׁפָּט וּפִי אֲמַלֵּא מִשְׁפָּט**. For the use of **משפט**, not of legal decisions, but of *pleadings*, cf. 1 K. 3¹¹; and for a somewhat analogous use of **ערך**, cf. 2 S. 23⁵ **עֲרוּכָה בְרִית** . . . *a covenant (of which the terms are) fully and duly set forth* (Dr. *ad loc.*). The phrases in 23⁴ and here being the same, it would be most natural, if possible, to give it the same meaning in both passages (so RV.). But it is objected that Job has

not yet stated his case, and is still in v.²² only on the point of doing so. Hence Budde, *e.g.*, renders here by “ich habe die Verhandlung gerüstet,” in 23⁴ by “darlegen wollt’ich vor ihm das Recht.” This is not altogether satisfactory. Ehrlich would give the phrase here the meaning, *I foresee the result of the legal argument*,—an admirable parallel, it is true, to v.^{18b}, but a meaning that is very hazardously based on a doubtful interpretation of the difficult phrase ערבי הריינים in *Pirke Abhoth*, 1⁸⁽⁹⁾. $\mathfrak{C}$ renders $\epsilon\delta\omega\iota\ \epsilon\gamma\epsilon\gamma\epsilon\iota\ \epsilon\iota\mu\iota\ \tau\omicron\upsilon\ \kappa\rho\acute{\iota}\mu\alpha\tau\omicron\varsigma\ \mu\omicron\upsilon$, reading קרבתי instead of ערבתי; reading with $\mathfrak{C}$ and pointing קרבתי we should obtain the phrase used in Is. 41²¹; but this, too, might be open to the objection, for what it is worth, that v.¹⁸ would anticipate v.²².]

משפטי] rd. משפטי, with $\mathfrak{C}\mathfrak{S}$, 1 MS^K Du. [Even if משפטי be read, the phrase remains virtually identical with that in 23⁴ (see last n.), and it is noticeable that Bu., who *translates* differently in 23⁴ and here, argues in favour of $\mathfrak{M}$ here and consequently of exact identity of phrase in the two passages.]

19. . . . מי הוא ירשעני] as Is. 50⁹ מי הוא ירשעני; see on 4⁷ (*Lex.* 216b).

21. [הרחק] G-K. 29g.

תבעתני] as 7¹⁴.

22. [והשיבני] *and answer me*: lit. *turn me back* (sc. with a word; see Dr. on 2 S 3¹¹); with omission of רבר, as 20² 33^{5, 32}, 2 Ch. 10¹⁶ (|| 1 K. 12¹⁶ + רבר); cf. Dn. 3¹⁶ (Aram.).

23. $\mathfrak{C}$ πόσαι εἰσὶν αἱ ἀμαρτίαι μου καὶ αἱ ἀνομίαι μου; $\delta\acute{\iota}\delta\alpha\chi\acute{o}\nu\ \mu\epsilon\ \tau\acute{\iota}\nu\epsilon\varsigma\ \epsilon\iota\sigma\acute{\iota}\nu$; surely reads ^a as $\mathfrak{M}$, and expresses פשעי וחטאתי by $\tau\acute{\iota}\nu\epsilon\varsigma$. [Attempts to emend (Be. Du.) $\mathfrak{M}$ on the basis of $\mathfrak{C}$ are therefore ill-advised. Still the recurrence of חטאות and חטאתי in the same v. are “not exactly an elegance” (Bu.), and some corruption earlier than $\mathfrak{C}$ is not improbable.]

25. [ואת] before an indetermin. noun is very anomalous (G-K. 117c; Ew. § 277d (2); Dav. § 72, R. 4): rd. prob. ואם (Be. Bu.); and cf. Kō. 288g. If correct, את will point to the *particular* piece of chaff symbolizing Job.

26. [כי] not *for* (RV.), but *that* after a question implying surprise or deprecation; as, *e.g.*, 6¹¹ 7^{12, 17}, Gn. 20⁹, Is. 22¹; *Lex.* 472b.]

27. ותשים [the jussive is out of place: rd. ותשים (Dr. 171, 174; Bu.). G-K. 109k allows that the form here is not jussive in meaning; but whether it can be reasonably explained as due to rhythmical grounds is very doubtful. Cf. Da. 65, R. 6.

סד] 33¹¹† (a quotation from here). Syr. ܣܕܐ, wooden stocks; in Acts 16²⁴ ܣ for τὸ ξύλον (as Jb. 33¹¹ ܣ for סד). Cf. מִהַפֶּכֶת and צִנֵּן.

מִתְחַקֶּה [תְּחַקֶּה is to cut in, grave, carve: hence Pu. מִתְחַקֶּה, carved work, 1 K. 6³⁵, Ezk. 8¹⁰; and התחקה (only here), to cut in or grave for oneself (cf. התפשט, to strip off for oneself, התפתח, sibi solvere; G-K. 54f); i.e. thou incisest or makest thee a line against (= about) the soles of my feet, fixest limits for them which they may not pass. Du. regards רגלי as repeated by error from א, and pointing תְּחַקֶּה, renders, "Thou makest thee a groove about my root," supposing the fig. to be that of a tree, and the allusion to be to some method of preventing the root of a tree from spreading unduly, or putting forth useless shoots. He further attaches to this line 14^{5c}, so as to form a couplet: Thou fixest its limit (הקו) that it cannot pass.

28. And he—a man thus miserably treated (²⁷)—crumbles away like a rotten thing—in particular (see on 5³) worm-eaten wood,—and like a moth-eaten garment. ܣ ܐܝܬܐ ܕܫܥܬܐ, ܣ ܐܝܬܐ ܕܫܥܬܐ, like a wine-skin, i.e. בְּרֶקֶב, Aram. ܪܝܩܒܐ, Gn. 21^{14, 15, 19} ܪܝܩܒܐ, ܣ ܐܝܬܐ, for ܪܝܩܒܐ; for בְּלֵה of a water-skin, cf. Jos. 9⁴ ܢܐܪܘܬ ܒְּלֵים. Be. adopts this reading; but ܐܝܬܐ yields a perfectly satisfactory sense. The 3rd person, following the 1st in v.²⁷, is, however, somewhat awkward; and hence v.²⁸ has been supposed to be either misplaced—Me. would place it after 14^{2a}, Sgf. after 14^{2b}, and Bi. after 14³, though in neither place would it agree well with the context—or (Bu.) a gloss added by a later hand. With Du.'s explanation of 13^{27c} 14^{5c}, הוּא must be rendered *it*, and will refer to the "root" of 27^c. For בְּרֶקֶב (not ܪܝܩܒܐ, as is general when the subst. is not defined by an adj. or rel. cl. following), cf. 14^{2, 6} 16¹⁴ 31¹⁸ 38³ (Di.); and see G-K. 1260, p; Lex. 207b, f.

CHAPTER XIV.

2. [יָצָא] could also (cf. יָעַמַד in *b*) be pointed as impf. יָצָא; in this case the construction is exactly as in v.¹⁰, the first following impf. with *waw* consec. being in accordance with Dr. § 80, the second with Dr. § 76, β; in מִן the vb. is pf. of experience (Dr. § 12) followed by the impf. with *waw* consecutive (Dr. § 80). It is not certain that ἄνθος ἀνθησάν read differently from מִן: in any case it is unnecessary to substitute יָצָא (Wr.) or יַעֲמַח (Be.) for יָצָא; for יָצָא is used of plants (1 K. 5¹³, Is. 11¹): like מִלֵּל (of plant life, e.g. Ps. 90⁶) it is here used figuratively of men, as are מִלֵּל in 24²⁴ and פָּרַח and צִיץ in Ps. 92⁸.]

[וַיִּמָּל] We have parallel forms in 18¹⁶ וַיִּמָּל, 24²⁴ and Ps. 37² וַיִּמָּל †; cf. לַעֲרֹב וַיִּמָּל וַיִּבֶשׁ, Ps. 90⁶. It has been questioned whether the first four of these forms are Kal, from מָלַל*, to *droop*, *languish*, cogn. with אָמַלַל, or Nif., from מָלַל, parallel to מוּל (cf. Ps. 58⁸ וַיִּתְּמָלְלוּ; Ps. 118¹⁰ 11. 12 בִּשְׁשׁ י' כִּי אֶמְלֹךְ), to *cut off* (Ps. 90⁶, with the implicit cogn. ptc. as subject, הַמִּמָּלֵל). The latter rendering seems the more probable. מָלַל is more naturally connected with מוּל than with אָמַל; and while in many of the passages either sense would suit, in Job 24²⁴ *be cut off* is more suitable than *droop*; and to be *cut off* is such a common fate for grass that the objection that to *droop* or *languish* is what more normally happens to it, does not amount to much. ἄνθος ἐξέπεσεν = וַיִּבֶל, and *fades away* (see Is. 28¹ τὸ ἄνθος τὸ ἐκπεσόν = צִיץ נָבֵל, 40⁸), which might well be the orig. reading; so Du.

3. [וַאֲתִי] ἄνθος, Me. Di. Wr. Bi. Be. Bu. Du. וַאֲתִי, in better agreement with the context. For the emphatic position, cf. Gn. 12¹², 2 S. 12⁹, 1 K. 1⁶ 35, Is. 57¹¹ 58², Jer. 9², Ezk. 22¹², Hos. 2^{15b}: see further examples in Dr.'s n. on 1 S. 15¹.

4. **כִּי יֵתֵן** followed by an accus. of the thing longed for, as Dt. 28⁶⁷, Ex. 16³ al. **לֹא אֲחֵר** is the tersest possible statement that the thing desired is impossible. The context on both sides relates, however, to the shortness of man's life, not to the sinfulness: hence Bi.^{1,2} Be. Ch. Bu. regard the verse as a note written originally on the margin, and afterwards introduced by error into the text. Du. defends the v., regarding it as suggesting the ground why God should deal less stringently with man: sin is innate in him; ought not this to be a motive for His forbearance? Du. lengthens ^b by prefixing **מִתְפַּאֲחִית**, "not one is *without* sin"; but this strains unduly the **מֵן**.

5. **חֲקֵי** (Kt.) **חָק** is originally something *cut in* (Is. 22¹⁶ לוֹ (חֲקֵי בִכְלֵעַ מִשֵּׁן לוֹ), and so something *incised*, or *engraved*, on stone or metal, *i.e.* a *statute*; then more generally something *prescribed*, in many different applications (Lex. 349) as a *prescribed allowance* of food (Gn. 47²², Pr. 30⁸), a *prescribed due* (Lv. 6¹¹), here and v.¹³ a *prescribed limit* in time (on the question whether it also denotes a *prescribed limit* in space, see phil. n. on 26¹⁰ 38¹⁰).

עֲשִׂיתָ **ἔθου**, **Σ ἔταξας**, **Ἦ** constituisti, which point to **שָׁפַת**; so Be. Bu. Du. There occurs indeed in 28²⁶ **בְּעֵשְׁתוֹ לְמִטָּה** **חָק**, but **חָק** has not there the same meaning as here.

6. **מֵעָלָיו** *from upon* him,—that thy unfriendly eye may rest *upon* him no more; cf. *e.g.* 9³⁴, Ex. 18²², Am. 5²³, Jon. 1¹¹ (Lex. 758b, b).

וַיַּחְדֵּל **חָדַל** is to *cease* (v.^{7 end}), *desist*, *forbear*; the meaning to *cease* (*sc.* from labour), *rest*, is very doubtful; the only parallel being 1 S. 2⁵, where, however, **חָדַל עָבֵד** should almost certainly be read for **חָדַל עַד**. Read **וַיַּחְדֵּל**, and *desist*, *forbear* (Am. 7⁵ al.); so Bu. Be.^K St.; Gr. **וַיָּנַח לוֹ**, *that he may have rest* (impers., as 3¹³); but it is not certain that **ἵνα ἡσυχάζῃ** represents this.

[**יִרְצֶה** . . . **יִרְצֶה**] *to take pleasure in*, *enjoy*, with the acc., *e.g.* Ps. 102¹⁵. **יוֹמוֹ** here virtually = *his* (finished) *day*—the hour toward sunset when he receives his wages (Dt. 24¹⁵) and rests (7^{1f.}).]

7. [ועוד] Dr. 124, 136 and *Obs.*; cf. Pr. 19¹⁹.

[יחלף] in Kal (of a plant) to *come on*, i.e. to *sprout* (Ps. 90^{5, 6} בְּבֹקֶר כַּחצִיר יִחְלֹף: בְּבֹקֶר יִצְיָן וְחֹלֶף), in Hif. to *renew* (Is. 40³¹), or, as here, to *show newness* (G-K. 53*d*), i.e., of a plant, to *put forth fresh shoots*, of a bow (29²⁰), to *keep fresh* and pliable, opp. to old, dried up, and useless.

8. [יזקין] G-K. 53*e*; Ew. § 122*c* (acc. to Ew. with an *inchoative* force = *senescere*; so המְחִיךְ 20¹² *dulcescere*; האֲמִיץ Ps. 27¹⁴ to *become courageous*; העֲשִׁיר Ps. 49¹⁷ *ditescere*; הִשִּׁים Jb. 21⁵ *stupescere*; מִרְעִיד Dn. 10¹¹ *contemiscens*).

9. [יפריח] *put forth buds or shoots* (G-K. 53*g*); Pr. 14¹¹ (fig.) בַּחֲצֹרֹת אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִפְרִיחַ, ואֵהָל רִשְׁעִים יִפְרִיחַ.

[עשה] = *produce*, as Gn. 1¹¹, Ezk. 17⁶ al. (*Lex.* 794*b*, 2).

[נטע] *something* (freshly) *planted*: Ἐ νεόφυτον.

10. [ויחלש] ו after יָמוּת, Dr. 80; G-K. 111*d*. If חָלַשׁ means to “waste away” (EVV.), any word may mean anything in Heb. The √ חָלַשׁ means, as in Aram. (Ⲫ and Syr.; e.g. ܡܠܝܫܐ = *ἀναδρος, ἀσθενής*, PS. 1295), *weak*; it does not even, as is sometimes said, mean *prostrate* (except in a fig. sense), and it is opposed to נָבֹר (Jl. 4¹⁰ חָלַשׁ יֹאמַר נָבֹר אֲנִי Ex. 32¹⁸ “the answering of חָלוּשָׁה,” opp. to “the answering of נְבוֹרָה”); in Ex. 17¹³ read וַיַּחֲלֹשׁ, *weakened, disabled*, as in Jb. 12²¹, Ⲫ חֻלַּשׁ עַל-נַפְשׁוֹ (Levy) for רַפָּה; in Is. 14¹² חֻלַּשׁ עַל חֻלַּשׁ cannot possibly mean “lay low”; rd. either מוֹשֵׁל בַּלְגִּיּוֹת or מוֹשֵׁל בַּלְגִּיּוֹת (lying) *powerless* on the corpses. Ἐ ὄχρεο = וַיִּחְלֶף (see v. 20 19¹⁰, Ἐ and Ⲫ), and *is gone*, or even (Wr. Gr. Bu.) וַיִּחְלֶף (v. 26, Ps. 102²⁷; cf. ἀπέρχομαι for חָלַף, 1 S. 10³, Ct. 2¹¹, Bu.), forms a better sequel to יָמוּת than וַיִּחְלֹשׁ; and either of these, it must be admitted, may well be right.

[וראיו] Ἐ οὐκέτι ἐστίν, § 108*Δ*, which, unless paraphrases, will express וַיִּרְאֵהוּ or וַיִּרְאֵהוּ; so Me. Sgf. Be. But this—quite apart from the fact that at least וַיִּרְאֵהוּ (as distinct from וַיִּרְאֵהוּ) is found only after verbs implying (1 S. 9⁴), or expressing (3⁹, Ps. 69²¹, Pr. 13⁴ 14⁶ 20⁴, Is. 41¹⁷ 59¹¹, Ezk. 7²⁵ †) a *search*—is, as Bu. Du. Peake all remark, much inferior to the question. Sgf. Be. are hypercritical. “The question,” they declare, “is

out of place: for c. 3 leaves no doubt that the dead man was supposed to be in Sheol." But upon this argument נאין is equally out of place: for if the poet knew that the dead man was in Sheol, how could he say, "and he is not"? Obviously both *Where is he?* and *He is not* must be understood with the same tacit limitation, "*Where on earth?*" and "*not on earth.*" מִי, אֵי, and other interrogatives are constantly used in Heb. with the force of a rhetorical negative (*no one, no where, not, etc.*); see, e.g., 20⁷ אֵי.

II. Varied from Is. 10⁵ וְנָחַר יַחֲרַב וְיִבֵּשׁ (of the *future* decay of Egypt, the ים and the נַחַר being the Nile): the poet applies the words more generally, ים having no doubt the sense of an inland sea or lake (as, e.g., in כְּנָרָה ים). Di. Be. Du. strike out the v. as (Du.) a "thoughtless marginal citation on 19a. b, to which (after 19c) 12a also belongs: both, forgotten by a scribe, in the end found their way here": Du. thus omits ¹¹ altogether, makes 10a. b. 12b. c the quatrain here, and 19c. 12a. 20a. b the quatrain after 18a. b. 19a. b. But these transpositions are violent: 12a is much more forcible where it is than after 19c; and the comparison in ¹¹, so far from breaking the connexion between ¹⁰ and ¹², forms an effective introduction to ¹², and justifies the reinforcement, in different words, of the thought of ¹⁰. For the comparison expressed by the ! *adaequationis* in ¹², see 19c, Pr. 25²⁵ 26¹⁴ al.; *Lex.* 253a.

אֲזַל] The common Aram. word for *go*—in Heb. here, Dt. 32²⁶, 1 S. 9⁷, Jer. 2³⁶ (text doubtful, but not certainly wrong: see Dr., *Jer.*, p. 339f.), Pr. 20¹⁴†, usually with the force of "*go away.*"

12. עַד בִּלְתִּי שְׁמִיִּים [עד בלתי occurs before a subst. in Is. 14⁶ †, מִכֶּתַּב בִּלְתִּי סֵפֶר; and מִבְּלָתִי, מִבְּלָתִי often before an inf. (so, no doubt, עַד בִּלְתִּי, Dr. on Dt. 3³; *Lex.* 117a). Is. 14⁶, and the fact that the inf. is a subst., may defend עַד בִּלְתִּי here; but בִּלְי is much more frequently used to negative a subst.; and we have twice עַד בִּלְי: Ps. 72⁷ עַד בִּלְי יִרְחַם, Mal. 3¹⁰ עַד בִּלְי דְּיָ. Ἐ ἕως ἃν ὁ οὐρανὸς οὐ μὴ συνραφῇ (Ἐ donec non consuetur),—prob. a paraphrase: Ἐ ἕως ἃν κατατριβῇ (whence Ἐ donec atteratur), ΣΘ Ἐ ἕως παλαιώθῃ, S^H מִכֶּתַּב מִסֵּפֶר, S—all = עַד בִּלְתִּי שְׁמִיִּים (for Ἐ see Gn. 18¹², Is. 51⁶, Field) till the heavens

wear away (so Geiger, *Urschrift*, p. 417; Bi. Be. Du.). It is true, כָּלָה is used of the heavens and earth, Ps. 102²⁷ וְכָל־כָּבֹדִי יִבָּלֶה, Is. 51⁶ כִּי שָׁמַיִם כָּעֵשֶׁן נִמְלָחוּ וְהָאָרֶץ כִּבְגֵד תִּכְלָה, to denote their gradual wearing away; but with עַד the absolute negative בָּלָה (or בָּלִי) is more forcible.

יְקִיִּצוּ רֹגִי the change to singulars (Θ^A יְקִיִּץ 'A (Field) ולא יַעֲרֶם מִשְׁחָתוֹ: Be.^K Du.) is not necessary: when a *group* of persons is spoken of a change from sg. to plur., or *vice versa*, is frequent in Heb. poetry (cf. on 21³⁰). Bu. would attach ^{12a} to ¹¹ (cf. ¹⁹), making ^{12b.c} an independent distich, and so leaving the two plurals by themselves.

14. [הַיְחִיָּה] Θ ζήσεται, probably a dogmatic rendering, intended to make Job affirm distinctly the thought of the resurrection. Cf. ἕως πάλιν γένωμαι, for ^{14c} עַד בּוֹא הַלִּיפְתִּי. Du., however, supposes Θ to imply, for הַיְחִיָּה, יְחִיָּה, which he adopts, taking אִם as expressing a wish (Ps. 81⁹ 95⁷ al.; G-K. 151e), "If only a man might die, and live again!" and regarding the line as the last of the quatrain, 13^{a.b.c} 14^a.

15. [תִּכְסֶּה] Kal, Ps. 17¹² †; Nif. Gn. 31³⁰, Ps. 84³ † (Zeph. 2¹ לֹא נִכְסֶה = *unabashed*; see T of Ps. 35⁴ 69⁷). The Nif. being certain in Gn. 31, Ps. 84, Bu. would read it also here and Ps. 17¹².

16-17. Do these verses describe God's *present* attitude towards Job (so Ew. Di. De. Da. and most)? or do they carry on ¹⁵, describing what God's *future* attitude would be, if he were to act as described in ¹⁵ (so Umbreit, Hi. Me. Studer, and esp. Bu.; also Ho.)? In the former case, they will be rendered: "For (giving the reason for the preceding wishes) now thou numberest my steps (watchest my movements jealously, as if I were a malefactor; cf. 13²⁷), Dost thou not keep watch upon my sin (שָׁמַר עָלַי, as שָׁמַר אֵל, 2 S. 11¹⁶ (אֵל = עָלַי, as often in some books; *Lex.* 41a), of Joab keeping watch upon Rabbath-Ammon; and, in a friendly sense, of keeping watch over so as to guard, שָׁמַר אֵל, 1 S. 26¹⁵; שָׁמַר עָלַי, 1 S. 26¹⁶, Pr. 21¹¹ 6²²; the question indicated by the tone of the voice, G-K. 150a, b; or better, with Θ Ew. Di. Du. לֹא תַעֲבֹר, Thou dost not *pass over* (Mic. 7¹⁸, Pr. 19¹¹; cf. c. 7²¹) my sin)?

My transgression is sealed up in a bag (Hos. 13¹²); And thou plasterest over (13⁴) my iniquity (keepest it securely fastened up till the day of reckoning)." In the latter case they will be rendered: "For then thou *wouldest* number my steps (and see that I made no slip"; cf. 31⁴ "Doth not *he* see my ways, and number all my steps?" also "I would declare unto him the number of my steps," in 31³⁷); "Thou *wouldest* not keep watch upon my sin; My transgression (*would be*) sealed up in a bag (to be brought out and remembered no more), And thou *wouldest* (וּחִטַּבְלָהּ) plaster over (whitewash, fig. for palliate) my iniquity." But [the first of these two interpretations was adopted in *The Book of Job* (1906)].

18. נִבֵּל נֹפֵל יְבוֹל, usu. of a flower or leaf, seems to combine the ideas of *fading* and *falling*; cf. Is. 1³⁰ כִּי תַחֲיוּ עֲלֶהּ בְּאֵלֶּה נִבְלָת נֹפֵלָת עֲלֶהּ, *fading and falling* in regard to its leaf, 28¹ וְצִין נֹבֵל, 34⁴ the heavens will rot and be rolled up like a scroll, וְכָל עֵצָאם יְבוֹל כְּנִבְלָת עֲלֶהּ כְּנֹפֶן וְכִנְבֵּלָת כִּתְאָנָה, Ps. 1³; fig. of the earth, to *wither*, Is. 24⁴ אֲבִלָה נִבְלָה הָאָרֶץ; to *sink down exhausted*, Ps. 18⁴⁶ בְּנִי נִכְר יָבֹל, Ex. 18¹⁸ (Jethro to Moses) נִבֵּל תִּבֵּל גַּם אֶתָּה גַּם הָעַם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר עִמָּךְ; it is thus rather a strange word to apply to a mountain (RV. "cometh to nought" is too free a version). Still it might perhaps be used figuratively for *crumble away*. So Di. De.: "But a mountain falling *crumbleth away*"; Du. יְבוֹל יִבֵּל, "But even a mountain *crumbleth away*" ("the 'even' is implied by the emph. position of הָרִים and צִוֵּר"). G^S both express יָבֹל for יְבוֹל; hence Lag. Sgf. Be. Bu. נִבֵּל יָבֹל, "But a mountain *surely falleth* (the allusion being to huge pieces of rock hurled down a mountain in a thunderstorm, or falling off through the slow action of the weather); Bu. (alt.) נֹפֵל יִבְלָה, a fallen mountain (נֹפֵל, as Dt. 21¹ al.) *weareth away* (cf. on v.¹²). [There are indications in the MS that Dr. doubted whether מִן, which he followed in the translation, or any of the proposed emendations, ought to be accepted as satisfactory.]

יעֲתַק } Ἐ παλαιωθήσεται, from the Aram. sense of the √; see on 21⁷.

19. שְׂחָקוֹ] Ex. 30³⁶ (ingredients of incense); Ps. 18⁴³ =

2 S. 22⁴³ (fig. of foes) †. Syr. ܦܕܝܬ, oft. for στυπ(β)ειν.

For the *order* (obj., vb., subj.), Dr. 208. 1; G-K. 142. 2a.

[תשטף] with ספִּיחִיה, the plur. being construed as a collective (G-K. 145*k*); cf. 20¹¹ 27²⁰ 30¹⁵, Is. 34¹³ 59¹², Ps. 18³⁵ 37³¹. Upon the same principle, the suff. in ספִּיחִיה refers to מים (G-K. 135*p*, though all the instances cited are not certain); cf. c. 39¹⁵. But כפִּיחִיהם would be certainly better.

[ספִּיחִיה] *their overflowings*: Arab. *safuḥa*, to *pour out* (e.g. blood, Qor. 6¹⁴⁶); Is. 5⁷ מִשְׁפָּח †, *shedding* (of blood); ספִּי also, if rightly explained as meaning properly growth from *spilled* grain (Lv. 25⁵ כפִּיחַ קציר, ¹¹; 2 K. 19²⁹ = Is. 37³⁰ †), will be from the same √. Gr. Bu. Be.^K ספִּיפִּה, supposed to mean a *prostrating*, violent rain, a “cloud-burst,” from סחף, a √ rare in Heb. (Jer. 46¹⁵ si vera l., Pr. 28³ סחף מִטֶּר †), but common in Syr., in the meaning to *throw down* (e.g. a house, for καθαιρεῖν; = ἐδαφίζω, Lk. 19⁴⁴; PS. 2590 f.). As, however, there is no evidence that סחף was confined in Heb. to the prostrating effects of *rain*, the supposition that ספִּיפִּה meant specifically a “cloud-burst” is precarious.

20. [תתקפּהוּ] 15²⁴, Qoh. 4¹² †; cf. תִּקֶּה, Est. 9²⁹ 10², Dn. 11¹⁷ †. Aramaic תִּקֶּה, *be strong* (Dn. 4^{8.17} al., Tgg. Syr.), and, except here and 15²⁴, only in late Hebrew. The sf., as in יִכְלִיתוּ, Ps. 13⁵; G-K. 117*u*.

תִּשְׁוֶה [משוּוה] would be better.

21. [יַעֲרֻ] יַעֲרֻ, opp. to יִכְבְּדוּ, as Jer. 30¹⁹, יַעֲרֻ, [so here in exact antithesis to יִכְבְּדוּ, *they come to honour* (RV.), יַעֲרֻ means *they come to dishonour*; cf. גִּחֲסִין = ἄτιμος, Mt. 13⁵⁷; סִיָּנוֹנֶנֶחַ חֲסִין, “sown in dishonour,” 1 Cor. 15⁴³].

לָמוּ the accus., as Ps. 73¹⁷; cf. 9¹¹.

CHAPTER XV.

2. [הַחֶכֶם יַעֲנֶה דַעְתִּירוֹ] usage would admit of דַעְתִּירוֹ defining the answer given (cf. Gn. 41¹⁶, Pr. 18²³, Neh. 8⁶), in which case we should render, *should a wise man (i.e. Job) make reply with windy knowledge*: or of being that to which the reply is made (cf. 32¹² 40² and probably 33¹³): then render, *should a wise man (i.e. Eliphaz) make reply to (such) windy knowledge* as Job has given utterance to. Parallelism favours the former rendering.]

3. [הוֹכֵחַ] The inf. abs., defining *how* the actions mentioned in ² take place, as often (G-K. 113*h*).

[יִסְבֹּן] in the sense of to *benefit, profit*, or (34⁹) *gain profit*, only in Job (22² 34⁹ 35³).

[וּמַלִּים] & ἐν λόγοις, reading, perhaps, במלים (without *wasw*); but ♂ is perfectly possible, and an instance of the force of a prep. (here ב in בּוֹרֵר) extending from one line of a distich to another; G-K. 119*hh*.]

6. [יַעֲנֶה] “with the fem. dual, as Pr. 5² 1¹⁶ 26²³, Ps 11⁴” (Di.); G-K. 145*u*.

7. Wast thou the first (syntactically, “*as* a first one,” accus. defining תִּילֵךְ, G-K. 118*q*; cf. Is. 65²⁰) born to be a man? (אָדָם, accus. of product: 11¹² 22¹⁶, Mic. 3¹², Is. 24¹²; G-K. 121*d*).

[רְאִישׁוֹן] “exhibits a double orthography, the phonetic with י, the etymological with א” (Du.); cf. רְאִישׁוֹנָה, Jos. 21¹⁰, and G-K. 23*c*. The same orthography (רְאִישׁוֹן) is found always in the Sam. Pentateuch, Gn. 8¹³ 13⁴ etc. (Kö. ii. 225*n*).

8. [הַבֶּסֶד] Cf. 22¹³; and see G-K. 100*l*.

[הַבֶּסֶד אֱלוֹהִים תִּשְׁמַע] סֶד means (1) *familiar, confidential converse, secret*; cf. Am. 3⁷, Pr. 11¹³ 25⁹; (2) a company or circle who talk confidentially to and exchange secrets with one

another, and so sometimes *a council*; cf. Jer. 6¹¹ 15¹⁷; and in this latter sense and combined with יהוה or אלה (Jer. 23^{18, 22}, cf. Ps. 89⁸), סוד means the circle of those who are admitted to intimacy with Yahweh and so obtain knowledge that is hid from other men. שמע ב is occasionally (37², and, perhaps, Gn. 27⁵) an intensified mode of expressing what is commonly expressed by שמע with the acc. (cf. *Numbers*, p. 123); if so intended here, we may render, *Wast (or art) thou listening to the secret council of God?* otherwise render, (*Being, or standing*) *in the council of God, wast (or art) thou a listener?*]

[תשמע . . . ותגרע] the impf. either (1) vividly depicts the past (Dr. § 26 f.), alluding to the particular divine council (cf. the pl. in Gn. 1²⁶) in which the plan of creation was revealed; or (2) indicates recurrency (Dr. § 33)—*art thou wont to be a listener*. In either case ותגרע may have been intended to be not co-ordinate as in חל, but consecutive ותגרע—*didst (or dost) thou listen, and (so) draw to thyself*.]

10. שָׁב The vb. שָׁבָה in 1 S. 12² †, and שִׁיבָה often (Gn. 42²⁸ etc.); but the ptc. שָׁב only here, as in Bibl. Aram. (Ezr. 5^{5, 9} 6^{7, 8} 14 †; = *elders*). סָב, Syr. سَاب (from سَاب), are both common.

[ישיש] see on 12¹².

[בביר] see on 8².

[ימים] acc. of respect, *in regard to* (Anglicè “in”; Germ. “an”): Dr. 193, 194 (pp. 258 n., 259 n.); G-K. 131*q* (rather badly classed under “apposition,” though qualified as apposition “in the wider sense”; notice, however, §§ 131*p* and 118*m*).

11. [לֶאֱט] אֶט, *gentleness*; as adv. acc., 1 K. 21²⁷ אֶט †; with the ל of norm or state, as in לֶבְטָה (Lex. 516*b*); here ל before the tone syll., elsewhere לֶאֱט, 2 S. 18⁵, Is. 8⁶; לֶאֱטִי, Gn. 33¹⁴ †.

12. [יִרְוִיחַן] Either רִוּחַ † is a by-form of רִמּוֹן, or יִרְוִיחַן must be read with 5 MSS. רִמּוֹן is common in Arab. Aram. and NH. in the sense of to *make a sign*, whether by the eyes, or in other ways, and likewise more generally to *hint at, signify* (e.g. in

interpretation, as "this *signifies* a great mystery"); thus Pr. 6¹³ ש for מַרְה, *maketh signs* with the fingers, 10¹⁰ ש for קָרַץ in עֵץ קָרַץ, often for (δια)νεύω, as Lk. 1^{22. 62}; see also Is. 3¹⁶ ש (כַּסּוֹ) for (מִשְׁקֵרוֹת), and *Shabb. 62b ap. Levy*; Is. 58⁹ ש באַצְבַּע, Gn. 44¹⁹ ש Ps.-J. רָמַז יוֹסֵף לְמַנְשֵׁה, *made a sign* to Manasseh. To judge from usage elsewhere (רָמַז) here will denote not directly the movement of the eyes in passion (e.g. *flash*, or *roll*), but, indirectly, the passion within as expressed by the eyes, and we must render, "And what do thy eyes *hint at*?" Bu. (after Rsk. Hfm.) suggests יְרוֹמֵן (so 1 MS), which would suit the context well, and may be right; cf. Pr. 6¹⁷ עֵינַיִם רָמוֹת, 30¹³ דּוֹר מִהֲדַמּוֹ עֵינָיו וַעֲפַעְפּוֹ יִנְשָׂאוּ.

13. [וְהוֹצֵאתָ] after בִּי חָשִׁיב the *waw* consec. is required (Dr. 115, s.v. בִּי): either, therefore, the *mil'el* tone is exceptional (Dr. 111. 4, *Obs.*; cf. G-K. 49*k*), or, as we always elsewhere have וְהוֹצֵאתָ, וְהוֹצֵאתָ, should be read.

[מִלִּין] as this is a weak word, Du. would read מִרִּי, comparing 23².

15. [וְכִי] so 25⁵, La. 4⁷; see G-K. 67*ee*.

16. [נִתְעַב] the Nif. ptc., with gerundial force, = *abominable*; G-K. 116*e*.

[נֶאֱלָח] Ps. 14³ = 53⁴ נֶאֱלָחִי †, as here, in a moral sense; in Arab. (conj. viii.) to *be confused*; of milk, to *turn sour*.

17. [אֲחֹרַךְ] חָיָה is a purely Aram. root; elsewhere in Heb. only 32^{6. 10. 17} 36², Ps. 19³; cf. אֲחֹרָה 13¹⁷ †.

[וְאִסְפֶּרָה] The so-called *waw apodosis*: Dr. 125; G-K. 143*d*. Nothing would be lost by its omission; but it is hazardous to infer that, because עָשָׂה do not *express* ו, they therefore did not *read* it. EVV. do not express it; but the translators certainly read it.

18. [וְלֹא כָהָרוּ מֵאֲבוֹתָם] ולא כָהָרוּ must, if כָּהָר is right, be parenthetic: "which wise men declare, without hiding it, from their fathers," though כָּהָרוּ מֵאֲבוֹתָם would be a simpler construction; in fact EVV. translate as if the Heb. were this. Be. Du. כָּהָרוּ מֵאֲבוֹתָם, ולא כָּהָרוּ מֵאֲבוֹתָם, "and from whom their fathers did not hide (it),"—the sf. מ by G-K. 117*x*. On the other hand

וְלֹא כָחַד seems to go with, and to strengthen, יָגִידוּ; cf. Is. 3⁹ וְחִטָּאתָם כִּסְדָם הִגִּידוּ לֹא כָחַדוּ.

20a. [מִתְחַלֵּל] = *is tormented*; see on 26⁵. Σ ἀλαζονεύεται, ὦ superbit, ס זכנ; זכנ, whence Be. מִתְחַלֵּל *boasteth* (sc. of his good fortune). But v. 21^{ff.} describe the wicked man as living in constant anxiety, and even in times of outward prosperity as filled with presentiments of evil. Εἰν φροντίδι, Ἀ ἐν ὁδύνῃ, = 𐤀𐤓𐤁𐤏.

20b. As Bu. remarks, with the construction adopted above ^b drags after ^a, and the effect is not elegant; but it appears to be right. The alternative and, it must be admitted, more obvious construction, “A (definite) number of years (= years which are numbered, Hi. De. RVm.) are (G-K. 146a) reserved for the terrible” (Εἰ ἔτη δὲ ἀριθμητὰ δεδομένα δυνάστη: De.), does not yield a satisfactory sense; “a few years” is alien to the context, and would, moreover, be expressed by שְׁנֵי מִסְפָּר (16²², Nu. 9²⁰), not מִסְפָּר שְׁנִים; and the explanation (De.), “a definitely fixed number of years, after which his fall comes,” extracts more from the Heb. expression than it can be reasonably supposed to contain.

21. [בְּשָׁלוֹם] Εἰ ὅταν δοκῇ ἡδὴ εἰρηνεύειν,—a good paraphrase.

יְבוֹאֲנוּ Cf. 20²², Pr. 28²² etc.; G-K. 118f.

22. [שׁוֹב] inf. after האֲמִין; cf. Jg. 11²⁰ (rather differently), and with ל, Ps. 27¹³; and see on 3⁸. לֹא האֲמִין itself, as 9¹⁶. Du., violently, לֹא יִסּוֹר for לֹא יִאֲמִין שׁוֹב, as v. 30. Εἰ μὴ πιστευέτω = אֵל יִאֲמִין (cf. 31); so Me. Sgf.

[צָפוּ] for צָפוּי ([or] G-K. 75v [for צָפוּי]), and, no doubt, in view of the extreme rarity of the form (unless צָפוּי be read) a mere error for it (Qrê and many MSS have צָפוּי). צָפָה is to *look out* as a watchman, ל צָפָה to watch *for*, in a bad sense Ps. 37³², very rarely construed with an acc. (Pr. 31²⁷); if correct, צָפוּי will mean here “*looked* (or *spied*) *out* (and brought) to the sword”; but the fig. and constr. are both strange; and prob. צָפוּי, “*reserved* (v. 20) *for*” (Ew. Bi. Perles, Du., cf. Bu.) should be read.

אֵלִי (אֵל) [אֵלִי חֶרֶב] Me. Bi. Be.^{Kit.} Bu. חֶרֶב (or אֵל). Idiomatic (5²⁰, Jer. 18²¹, Ezk. 35⁵, Ps. 63¹¹), but not necessary.

23a. The man's helplessness is vividly indicated by the abrupt אֵיָה (cf. 14¹⁰; and הֵנָּה, 9¹⁹; Bu.). $\mathfrak{C}$ has κατατέτακται δὲ εἰς σῖτα γυψῖν: whence Me. אֵיָה לֶלְחֵם (to become the food of the vulture); Sgf. נֶתָן הוּא לֶלְחֵם לְאִיָּה; Be. נֶתָן הוּא לֶלְחֵם (Be.^{Kit.} נוֹעַד for נֶתָן; but the Nif. of יַעַד is not a passive); Bu. אֵיָה לֶלְחֵם הוּא (or נוֹעַד נֶתָן).

23b. $\mathfrak{B}$ יד = beside, is very rare (Zec. 4¹², 1 S. 4¹⁸ by emendation for בעד יד; Jer. 41⁹ rd. as $\mathfrak{C}$; cf. $\mathfrak{B}$ יד, Ps. 141⁶), the usual idioms being לִיד יד, אֵל יד, or עַל יד. [The text here is uncertain; see below.] $\mathfrak{C}$ has: οἶδεν δὲ ἐν ἑαυτῷ ὅτι μένει εἰς πτώμα. Ἡμέρα δὲ αὐτὸν σκοτινῇ στροβήσει, Ἀνάγκη δὲ καὶ θλίψις αὐτὸν καθέξει: whence Wr. Be. Du. would read יום (Be. כִּי נֶכֶן לְאִיד; Du. כִּי נֶכֶן בְּיָדוֹ (כִּי נֶכֶן בְּיָדוֹ (כִּי נֶכֶן בְּיָדוֹ); חֶשֶׁךְ יִבְעֲתֵהוּ צָר וּמְצוּקָה תַּחֲקִפְהוּ אִיד, cf. 18¹² ($\mathfrak{C}$ πτώμα); for פִּיד, 31²⁹ ($\mathfrak{C}$ πτώμα); and for נֶכֶר, 31³ ($\mathfrak{C}$ ἀπαλλοτρίωσις). פִּיד is better than לְאִיד, and, though נֶכֶר is clever, has the advantage of $\mathfrak{C}$'s support. It is true, נֶכֶן and בִּידוֹ do not seem to be both wanted, and the two make the line [in $\mathfrak{M}$] unduly long. [Moreover, v.^{24b} is in $\mathfrak{M}$ four-stressed, and therefore of a length unusual in Job (though see e.g. v.²⁰). One effect of the emendations suggested on the basis of $\mathfrak{C}$ is to give vv.^{23b, 24} the normal three-stress rhythm. But another effect, as Bu. has pointed out, is to place the subjects (צָר וּמְצוּקָה and יום חֶשֶׁךְ) first in both parallel lines; this is a real difficulty, for there is no emphasis on the subjects such as accounts for the repetition of the order, subject, object, predicate, in 12¹¹, and the prefixing of the subj. in both clauses of 8³ 5⁷; but the difficulty could be met by transposing יום חֶשֶׁךְ and יִבְעֲתֵהוּ; for that the subject should stand first in one of two parallels, more commonly in the second, as it would then do here, is a not uncommon result of the desire to give variety of cast to the parallel lines of a distich: see, e.g., Is. 11⁶, Ps. 2², Pr. 2¹⁰ (subject first in the second line), and Jb. 3¹⁷ (subject first in the first line); and cf. Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 66-68, 70 f.]

תַּחֲקִפְהוּ ($\mathfrak{M}$) the fem., agreeing with מְצוּקָה, by G-K. 146e; Kō. 349f.

עֵתִיד] see on 3⁸.

כִּידּוּר †] Arab. *kadara*, to *pour out* (e.g. water); in conj. vii. (*inkadara*) to *pour down* (of rain, etc.), *dart down* (of a bird of prey, or Qor. 81², of the stars falling from heaven at the last day), of foes *pouring* or *rushing* upon any one (Fleischer *ap.* Del. here—with, however, a doubtful attempt to fix the sense of כִּידּוּר as battle-throng, by connecting these senses of *kadara* with *kadira*, to be *turbid*; Lane, 2596b-c).

25. אֵל (*bis*) = עַל, as oft. (*Lex.* 41a). So v.^{26a}.

יִתְגַּבֵּר] the Hithp., as 36⁹, and (of Yahweh) Is. 42¹³†, *behaves himself mightily*.

26. [The v. is virtually under the government of the כִּי of v.²⁵, as is v.²⁸ of the כִּי of v.²⁷. In Ε the v. begins ἔδραμεν δέ, which might point to וִירִין; cf. ἀλλισθείη δέ = וִישָׁבֵן in v.²⁸.]

בְּצוּאָר] with a (stiff) neck; cf. Ps. 75⁶ עֵתֶק בְּצוּאָר. But בְּנִבְיָר (Gr.), cf. 16^{14b}, is attractive: it would form a climax on יִתְנַבֵּר.

גִּבִּי cf. 13¹². Notice the dagesh, implying a preceding disj. accent, and consequently a pause of some kind, although עִבִּי is in the *st. c.* Such cases are not unfrequent: even before a gen., the voice may take a rest, which will be marked by a disj. accent.

27. פִּימָה †] Prob. for פִּיאִמָה (G-K. 23f), from Arab. *fa'ama*, to *fill*, conj. ii. iv. to *widen*, hence *taf'im*, *bulkiness*, *corpulence*; 'uf'ima, to *become full of fat*; *muf'am*, *mufa'am*, *fat*, and *wide within* (Lane, 2326). Ἀ Σ πιμελή.

28. לֹא יֵשְׁבוּ לָמוֹ] Either (Di. Bu.) “(wherein) men (strictly הַיּוֹשְׁבִים: see on 4¹⁹ 7³) should not (Gn. 20⁹ 34⁷; Dr. 39a; G-K. 107g, end, *ω*) dwell”; or (Hi. De. Du.), “(which) should not be inhabited,”—lit. *sit*, fig. for, to *flourish*, *be inhabited*, often of cities or countries, as Is. 13²⁰ (*Lex.* 443a, 4), Jer. 30¹⁸ יֵשֶׁב וְאֶרְמוֹן עַל מִשְׁפָּטוֹ, though not elsewhere of a house. In either case לָמוֹ is dat. comm. *for themselves* (G-K. 119g, end; *Lex.* 516a); but its force can hardly be represented in English; cf. Gn. 21¹⁶ וַתֵּשֶׁבֶלָה, 22⁵ יֵשְׁבוּ לָכֶם פֹּה.

הַתַּעֲתָדוֹ] see on 3⁸.

[לְגַלִּים] Ε ἄλλοι ἀποίσονται—a paraphrase, perhaps of Η

incorrectly read לָנָלִים (Köhler, *ZATW*, 1911, 155) rather than of לָזִירִים (Be.), or than a literal translation of אַחֲרֵים יִשְׁאוּ (Du.).]

29. יָקוּם] as 8¹⁵.

מְנָלִם וְלֹא יִטָּה לְאָרֶץ מְנָלִם has been rendered *possessions*, יִטָּה being explained by the supposition that the “possessions” were pictured as heavily laden branches of fruit trees, or ears, *bending* to the earth; but in that case we must vocalize מְנָלִם (like מְקוֹמִים), as the Arab. $\sqrt{\text{}}$ is *nīl*, whence *nayl*, *possessions*, as Gn. 49³ Saad. The $\sqrt{\text{}}$ does not, however, occur elsewhere in Heb.; nor can the expl. be said to be satisfactory. No doubt מְנָלִם is corrupt. $\text{Ἐ οὐ μὴ βάλῃ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς σκίαν}$ (צֶל, or possibly עֵצִים); $\text{καὶ οὐκ ἔσται τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς}$ (מִן לָם=מְנָלִם) וְלֹא יִתְמַח לְאֶרֶץ מִנְהוֹן (צֶל, or possibly עֵצִים); $\text{Ἡ γῆς οὐκ ἔσται ὑπὸ τὴν ῥίζαν αὐτῆς}$ (אֶצְלָם); $\text{καὶ οὐκ ἔσται ἡ γῆς ὑπὸ τὴν ῥίζαν αὐτῆς}$ (אֶצְלָם); $\text{καὶ οὐκ ἔσται ἡ γῆς ὑπὸ τὴν ῥίζαν αὐτῆς}$ (אֶצְלָם), *words*, for מְנָלִם,—perh. (Me.) an error for $\text{καὶ οὐκ ἔσται ἡ γῆς ὑπὸ τὴν ῥίζαν αὐτῆς}$ (Gn. 41⁵), with יִטָּה; Hi. מְלִלָה, from מְלִלָה (Dt. 23²⁶), “and their ears bend not to the earth” (*i.e.* their crops produce no ripe ears), quoting from Plut. *Moralia*, 81 B, τοὺς κεκλιμένους καὶ νεύοντας ἐπὶ γῆς, and Seetzen, *Reisen*, i. 152, of white Dhurra in Phœnicia, “when it approaches ripeness, it bends its top downwards.” Either מְלִלָה or this is best; though, as the pronouns are here all sing., מְלִלָה, or מְלִלָה, would be an improvement (יִטָּה might stand with מְלִלָה, see Gn, 1¹⁴, G-K. 1450; or יִטָּה could be read).

30. מְלִלָה, שְׁלֵהבִיתָ, Ezk. 21³, Ca. 8⁶†. Aram. מְלִלָה, שְׁלֵהבִיתָ (e.g. Ex. 3² ⑤); from שְׁלֵהב, מְלִלָה (PS. 1895), *shafel*, from לְהַב* (G-K. 552; Wright, *Comp. Gr.* 204 f.).

יוֹסֵעַר is weak; and the pr. in פִּיּוּ has no antecedent. $\text{Ἐ for פִּיּוּ has αὐτοῦ τὸ ἄνθος: ἄνθος often = צִיץ, = צִיץ, = פָּרַח, Is. 5²⁴ 18⁵. Rd. with Be. Bu. Du. יוֹסֵעַר (or פָּרַח) (or יוֹסֵעַר) (or יוֹסֵעַר); cf. Hos. 13³ (rd. יוֹסֵעַר) (or יוֹסֵעַר); Is. 40²⁴ יוֹסֵעַר כִּשׁ יִשְׁאֵם. Be.^{Kit.}, after $\text{Ἐ ἐκπέσοι, “יוֹסֵעַר, a “decidere”}; but no such verb exists (is נִשְׁלָה meant?)$.$

31. שָׁוָה] for שָׁוָה (only here; but cf. שָׁוָה for שָׁוָה in Hos. 5¹¹)

is corrected in the Qrê. נתעה comes in strangely; and various emendations of it, or of בשו נתעה, have been proposed; but none carries conviction. Sgf. בַּבְּשִׁית נִתְעָבָה, "in abominable shame (idolatry)"; Be., with more probability, בְּעֵשְׂרֵתוֹ, "in his riches," but עֵשְׂרֵת, though quite a possible form, does not actually occur. And the repeated שָׁוָא is forcible.

32. בְּלֹא־יָוָמוֹ. In the poet. books the metheg, which marks the second syll. before the tone, if this syll. is the first in the word, and begins with *sh'wa*, provided the word has a disj. accent, and is preceded by no conj. accent, is attached to the *sh'wa*; cf. 19⁶ 22¹³ 28¹² 30⁸ 32¹⁶; and see Baer in Merx, *Archiv*, i. 201 f., more briefly G-K. 16g, end.

תְּמִלָּא without an antecedent is very awkward. Ἡ τομὴ αὐτοῦ πρὸ ὥρας φθαρήσεται, whence Me. Bi. Du. יָמֹל בְּלֹא יָוָמוֹ. נָוָע (see on 14⁸) would hardly be suitable here; elsewhere, also, it is represented not by *τομή*, but by *στέλεχος* (14⁸) and *ρίζα* (Is. 11¹ 40²⁴). *τομή* does, however, stand for *זֶמֶר*, Ca. 2¹² (cf. *τέμνειν* for *זמר*, to *prune*, Lv. 25^{3,4}, Is. 5⁶); so it *might* be a mistranslation of *זֶמֶר* (Nu. 13²³ al.), his *vine-branch*, which, it has been supposed, has fallen out after ^{31b} תְּמִלָּא. Be. Bu. תְּמִלָּא, his *palm-branch*, before בְּלֹא יָוָמוֹ, which would suit ^{31b} better than *זֶמֶר*; but the word is at least not known in this sense (תְּמִלָּא, 1 K. 6^{29ff}, Ezk. 40^{16ff}, means appar. a *palm-tree*). שׁ מִלָּא (= תְּמִלָּא, ^{31b}; נָעָה, ^{33b}; נָוָע, 14⁸; צִמָּח, Ps. 65¹⁰), unless a guess, *might*, however, as an inexact translation, pre-suppose this meaning of תְּמִלָּא in 31^b. Rd. then תְּמִלָּא (see on 14²), the fem. referring to תְּמִלָּא, if this be supplied before בְּלֹא יָוָמוֹ [or, perhaps better, to avoid the subj. standing first in both lines (see n. on v. ^{23b}), after (תְּמִלָּא), or, if not, to ^{30b} וּנְקָתָה. The latter is safer.

רַעֲנָנָה 3 p. fem. in pause. The *verb* only here.

33. וַיִּשְׁלַךְ rd. וַיִּשְׁלַךְ; and cf. on 13²⁷.

34. גִּלְמוֹד see on 3⁷. Is. 49²¹ has the fem. גִּלְמוֹדָה.

35. The inf. abs. by G-K. 113ff; cf. Is. 21⁵ 59⁴, Hos. 4².

תְּכִילָּה Ἡ ὑποίσει (cf. 1 K. 8^{64b} Be.), שׁ מִלָּא = תְּכִילָּה.

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3. [או מה] one MS ^{Ken.} ומה, but with או מה . . . ה, cf. ה . . . ה, 38²⁸; and ה . . . או, 38³¹ (Jg. 18¹⁹ is different); see *Lex.* 15a, 210a.]

[ימרצך] Either (see on 6²⁵) "What *sickens* thee?," or "What *sours* thee?," the verb in the latter case being supposed to be derived by metathesis from מצר = Arab. ^{أضر}, *acer, acidus fuit*, and meaning in Hif. (Ges.) *irritare, exacerbare*. Ἐ ἡ τί παρενοχλήσει σοι ὅτι ἀποκρίνη; Ὡ aut aliquid tibi molestum est si loquaris.

4. [לו] Dr. in trans., *Tenses*, § 143, and BDB, takes ^{4b} as the protasis to ^{4c. d.}; parallelism rather favours giving to לו (with יי as in Nu. 22²⁹) the force *if only, O that!* (*Lex.* s.v. לו, 2): render then: "If only your soul were in my soul's stead!"]

[אחבירה] Lag. Me. Bi. אֶחְבִּירָה would suit well with פה (cf. ¹⁰), but not with מלים (Bu.). [The vb. אחבירה is usually derived from חבר, *to join*, but by Barth (*Wurzeluntersuchungen*, 17; G-B.) from ^{أحبر} (חבר, *to join*, being probably = ^{أحبر} *to be coloured, variegated, striped*: in ii. *to make coloured, beautiful, artistic*. The view is attractive, as suggesting an eminently suitable nuance; and, though the vb. does not occur again, the nouns חִבְרָה, חִבְרֵרֶת, *stripes* (of the leopard), are naturally referred to the root. Yet the Arabic use of the vb. in reference to variegated language, beautiful, and then artificial, poems (Goldziher, *Abh.* 129-131), is presumably late, and due apparently to a development of literary taste and criticism peculiar to the Arabs.]

[במלים] G-K. 119g. So במו ראשי; cf. ^{9b. 10a}, Jer. 18¹⁶ ויניד בראשי.

[4d. עליכם] a dittograph from ^{4c}: במו ראשי might be

single-stressed, but, as against במלים in ^c, it is probably intended to be double-stressed; cf. במו פי with two stresses in 5^a.]

5. אאמצינכ G—K. 6of.

יחשך] Those who retain $\mathfrak{A}$ supply the obj. קֶאֱב from the next v. (cf. EVV.); but this [though a certain parallel to the construction may be found in Is. 58¹] is anything but natural. Rd. with $\mathfrak{A}$ Me. Bi. Sgf. Bu. לא אֶחְשֶׁךְ. Wr. Bu. אֶחְזֹק; but the pron. obj. is needed; Be. אֶחְזֹקְכֶם, which in itself would suit [and give closer parallelism to ^a], but changes $\mathfrak{A}$ considerably.

6. אס אדברה G—K. 108e; Dr. 143; cf. Ps. 139^{8b, 9b}.

כִּי] poet. for ממני: Is. 22⁴ 30¹ 38¹²†; in pause, כִּי, 21¹⁶ 22¹⁸ 30¹⁰, Ps. 18²³ 65⁴ 139¹⁹†.

7—8. [$\mathfrak{A}$ om.⁸ together with כל-ערתי in ⁷, perhaps on account of its unintelligibility (Be.). The verse and clause division of $\mathfrak{A}$, which is followed not only by RV. but also by Bu., is rhythmically most improbable. The rhythmical scheme being 2: 2, 3, 2: 2, or, if we give a double stress both to אר-ערתה and כל-ערתי, 3: 3, 3, 2: 2; in either case the clause לער היה ותקמטני, sufficiently suspicious on other grounds, is an isolated stichos between two distichs of apparently equal and parallel lines, though in the former of these probably, in the latter certainly, the lines are shorter than is usual in Job (on 2: 2 see 19¹⁴ n.). Two distichs of the normal 3: 3 rhythm (except that כל-ערתי is naturally one stress rather than two) are restored by transferring ותקמטני (omitting the ו) from ⁸ to ⁷, i.e. to the first distich, and dividing the distichs at השמות and בי respectively. The emendations (see following notes) which thus divide are, therefore, on the right lines, even though none of them is altogether satisfactory.]

7. הלאני G—K. 75ee.—The change of person is awkward; hence Bu. אך אתה הלאִתִּי (with ^b as $\mathfrak{A}$), Be.^T אך עתה הלאני השמותי; Du. (cf. Be.^K), attractively, אך עתה הלאני השִׁמְנִי, כל-רעתי (cf. 42¹¹) תקמטני.

8. Bu. keeps $\mathfrak{A}$ as it is, merely in ^b reading כעִשִׂי for כחשי. Be. (after ותקמטני) inverting, to gain a subj. for היה: כי כחשי בפני יֵעֲנֶה לְעֵד הִיּוֹ וַיִּקֶּם בִּי. Du. (after ותקמטני) retains $\mathfrak{A}$.

[ותקמטני] 22¹⁶; on the ^וי, with Ga'ya, cf. Baer, p. 42; G-K. 16g. NH. and Aram. to *seize*, as Pr. 4¹ ט (= תמר), 5²² (= לכו) (all in Levy); in Syr. *strinxit, colligavit, compressit*, hence *prehendit*, e.g. for πιέζειν, λαμβάνειν (PS. 3646). ܐܬܡܠܠ means, however, also to *be drawn together*, i.e. to *be wrinkled*, Dt. 34⁷ ܐܬܡܠܠ is a *wrinkle* (= ῥυτίς, Eph. 5²⁷; so in NH., v. Levy, iii. 325), ܐܬܡܠܠ is to *wrinkle* (Aq. in the Syr. Hex. here; v. Field); hence R⁷Vm. *hast shrivelled me up*.

[בחשי] my leanness (prop. *failing* of flesh), as Ps. 109²⁴; cf. Gn. 41²⁷ ܬ^{Ps.-J.} ܒܚܝܫܬܐ, *lean* (of the kine); Qoh. 12⁵ ܬ, ܒܚܝܫܬܐ. Bu. בעיני, *my vexation* (5²).

[יענה ב'] Ex. 20¹⁶, Hos. 5⁵ 7¹⁰ al. [According to the accentuation of MT these words are a] circ. cl. (= *answering against me*); see Dr. 163 n. (1 S. 18⁵, Jer. 15⁶, Ps. 50²⁰, Is. 3²⁶) [cf. 30²⁸ n.].

9. [וישטמני] שטם combines the ideas of *hatred* and *persecution*, to *hate actively*: 30²¹, Ps. 55⁴ וישטמוני באף; Gn. 27⁴¹ 49²³ 50¹⁵ †; מישטמה, Hos. 9⁷⁻⁸. ܐܬܠܡܠܠܐ, ܬܠܡܠܠܐ; perh. = וישטמני (ܬܠܡܠܠܐ, *discerpsit*, Pa. *diffregit*, often for διασπάω, but in 2 K. 9²³ for שמט) or (Du.) וירשטני. [Bu. retains וישטמני, but suggests חרה for טרף: in this case the figure of the wild beast disappears.]

[בשניו . . . חרק] see on v.⁴.

[צרי יג' רג'] צרי ילטשו עיניהם לי ܬ. Before 9^c ܬ has βέλη περπατῶν αὐτοῦ ἐπ' ἐμοὶ ἔπρεσεν = נפלי (or בי) חצי נדוריו עלי.

10. [בפיהם] 9 MSS פיהם (the renderings of ܬܬܬܬ are not evidence that they did not read בפיהם); but see on v.⁴.

[יתמלאן †] lit. either *form themselves into a* מלא (Is. 31⁴; Ew. Hi.), or *fill themselves up*; in either case = *mass themselves together*. Schult. compares the Arab. *tamāla'a* (conj. vi.), to *agree or assist one another to do a thing* (Lane, 2729); Hi. cites Arnold's Amrulk. carm. iv. p. 2, فتمالوا على قتله.

11. [עויל] עויל means *children*; see 19¹⁸ [n.] 21¹¹ †. Read עויל [or עוילים; so some MSS of ܬ, ܬ: cf. רשעים in ^b], *unrighteous*, with ܬܬܬܬ, as 18²¹ 27⁷ 29¹⁷ 31³. [This is preferable to treating עויל here as a ἀπ. λεγ. = עויל (Ges. Ew.); or to explaining עויל in

all those passages as a diminutive (used here contemptuously) of עָל (Ehrlich); a diminutive of עָל, *wicked*, is distinctly out of place in 21¹¹ (cf. the ילדיהם), and is at best not more suitable than עָל here, עוּל = *child*, in 19¹⁸. On the at most very rare and somewhat doubtful examples in Hebr. of the diminutive *kutail*, which would strictly require עוּל here, see G-K. (Eng. tr.) 86g, note; Brockelmann, § 137.]

עָל יד [Cf. מביא על ידי, 2 K. 10²⁴; הרב, Jer. 18²¹, Ezk. 35⁵, Ps. 63¹¹. E seems to have read יד in ^a and על without יד in ^b—erroneously.]

יִרְטִי At least יִרְטִי must be read: the √ is רָטַ (Nu. 22³² †), not רָטָה; cf. יִרְאָה from יָרָא, but יִרְאָה from יָרָא. Perhaps, indeed, as the √ is intrans., and in Ar. *warrata* (conj. ii.) is *conjecit, præcipitem dedit*, the Pi. pf. יִרְטִי would be the correct reading.

12. Notice the word-painting in the two Pilpels.

פרפר Ar. *farfara* is to *shake violently*, also to *break, cut, tear* [cf. الذئب يفترس الشاة, the wolf mangles the sheep—Lane, 235^h]: [Assyr. *to break in pieces*: cf. (if the falcon) *bu'uršu ina pišu ip-ru-ur*, break its prey with its bill, Del. p. 545]; Syr. فرفر is to *flap* (wings), Ethp. to *be convulsed*; in Heb. פורר is to *split or cleave*, Ps. 74¹³ אתה פוררת בעוך ים, Hithp. פור התפוררה ארץ.

הלא דברי כפטיש יפוצץ סלע [cf. Jer. 23²⁹ פצץ]

[ויקימני] possibly from יקימי (cf. the simple impf. in the ||¹³), through a repetition of the preceding י as י: the omission of *kal* in E is, however, scarcely proof of the reading.]

13. רביו archers; so Jer. 50²⁹ †; cf. רבו, Gn. 49²³ †, and קשת (רמה קשת, ? rd. רבח קשת), Gn. 21²⁰ †. [Ew. Bu. Du. al. render by *arrows*, which, if legitimate, would be preferable; with יסבו cf. Jos. 7⁹, 2 Ch. 18³¹, where the subjects are *personal*.]

הביא בכליותי בני אשפחו La. 3¹³ [יפלה כליותי ולא יחמל עד יפלה חץ פברו 7²³ Pr.]

מִרְרָתִי cf. מִרְרָה, 20²⁵.

14. פרץ על פני פרץ [with breach upon breach; with one breach after another. The פני (om. by one MS^{Ken.}) is strange,

and was perhaps not read by עַל (ἐπί). For על, in addition to, see 13¹³ n.; *Lex. s.v. על*, 4b, p. 755b; and with the idiom cf.

Qor. 31¹³ חַמְלֵתָּ אִמֶּה וְהָאָלְהָא עָלֶיךָ וְהִנֵּה

15. [גלגלרי] In Syr. and Arab. the *skin* or *hide* of an animal; in the Mishna (*Mikw.* 9²) of a *crust* forming over a wound (cf. Rashi מִכָּה יִבְשֶׁה; *Ki.* וְיִשׁ מִפְּרִשִּׁים קָרוֹם; *Ez.* עוֹר בַּעֲרָבִי נִקְרָא אֶלְגֵּלָר וְיִשׁ מִפְּרִשִּׁים קָרוֹם); in Talm. of *leather*; in ע of a *plate of metal*, Nu. 7¹³, 19, *Ps.-J.*, Ezk. 27²⁴; the / in Aram. means to *be hard*. Here, no doubt, chosen to denote the *hard, lifeless* skin of a leper.

[עללתי] from עלל = Ar. عَلَّ, Aram. עַל (both common), to *go in* (hence על, עַל, *yoke*, as something *entered into* by the animal's neck); hence in Po'el, to *make to enter*. AV. *defiled* (so RVm.), follows Rashi (לְכַלְכְּתִי; v. Levy, *NHWB*) and Ralbag (לְכַלְכֶּךָ עֵינֶיךָ).

[קרני] [Che. (*EBi.* 2111), objecting that "horn" is unsuitable here, proposes יקרי (with חללתי for חללתי).] Arnold, in *AJS* xxi. 170, proposes *forelock* as a meaning of קרן here [and in several other passages, e.g. Dt. 33¹⁷, 1 S. 2¹, 10, Ps. 75⁵, 6, 11, 89¹⁸. For this sense Arnold appeals (1) to what is said of قرن in the *Lisānu 'l-'Arab*, xvii. 209 ff.: "القرن is the forelock (الدُّوَابَّة), and some limit its application to the forelock of the woman and to her braid (صَفِيرَة). . . . And the قرن of the man is the crown of the head. . . . A certain one was called ذو القرنين because he had two locks that he braided on the two horns of his head and let them hang down"; and (2) to modern Bedawy usage: "side-locks are worn by men at their natural length; so it is said in praise of a young man's fortunate beauty, 'he has great and long horns'" (Doughty, *Arabia Deserta*, i. 469; cf. p. 382, ii. 220)].

16. [חמרמרה (Kt.)] G-K. 145^k. The Qrê (רר) corrects the less usual construction; but cf. Dt. 21⁷ יְדִינוּ לֹא שִׁפְכָהּ (Qrê שִׁפְכוּ); 1 S. 4¹⁵ וַעֲיִינוּ קָמָה (not corrected; in 1 K. 14⁴ קָמוּ עֵינָיו); 2 S. 10⁹ כֹּאֵן שִׁפְכָהּ אִשְׁרֵי (Qrê שִׁפְכוּ); Ps. 73² כִּי הִתָּה אֵלָיו פְּנֵי הַמַּלְחָמָה; and c. 14¹⁹ [n.] and the many other cases given in G-K. *l.c.* (against the view that the הִתָּה may be a 3rd fem. plur., as in

21. **בין** rd. with 5 MSS, Ew. Di. De. etc., **יבין**; **ל** . . . **בין**, as Gn. 1⁶ al. [**אדם** is then parallel to **נבר** as in 14¹⁰; **בן-אדם** occurs in Job only in 25⁶.]

22. **[שנות מספר יאתיו]** Ἐκαστος is due rather to placing (like some moderns—Hoffm. Be.^T) illegitimately on the impf. the force of the pf. than to reading **אתיו**. Honth. **מְסַפֵּרִי אתיו** שנות (but **המן** rather than **אתיו** would express the sense required: cf. Ps. 102²⁸); Hitz. **שעות** (late Hebrew for *hours*) instead of שנות; Lag. **מְסַפֵּר** for **מְסַפֵּר**; Bi. **שנות מספר**, *repeaters of wailing*, which he supposes to be a term for mourning women.]

[יאתיו] after the fem. שנות; cf. Hos. 14¹, Ca. 6⁹, 1 K. 11³ (G-K. 145^u) and 15⁶ (after a *dual* fem. noun).

CHAPTER XVII.

I. [The rhythm is 2 : 2 : 2—a variant of 3 : 3 in some poems (*Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 182), but in Job it is, at most, very rare. Other doubtful examples are v.¹¹ 21²⁰.] Du., to gain two lines of three beats each: רוחו הִבֵּלָה יָמֵי נַעֲזָבוּ קְבָרִים לִי, His spirit (anger, as Jg. 8³) has destroyed my days, The graves are left (Is. 18⁶) to me; but לִי עֹזֵב is to abandon or leave to the power or possession or custody of any one (39¹⁴, Ex. 23⁵, Is. 18⁶ יַעֲזֹבוּ יַחֲדוֹ לַעֵיט הָרִים וּלְבַהֲמַת הָאָרֶץ), and the idea which is wanted here is not to *be abandoned* or *left to*, but to be *reserved for*. [Yet though Du.'s emendation is not acceptable, מַלְאִכַּי, which is rhythmically unusual (see above), is far from certain. נַעֲזָבוּ is supposed to be an alternative form for נִדְעָבוּ (6¹⁷), which is, indeed, read by 10 MSS here; דַּעַךְ for דַּעַךְ is otherwise quite unknown. Whatever its Hebrew original, מַלְאִכַּי is obviously paraphrastic—ὀλέκομαι πνεύματι φερόμενος, δέομαι δὲ ταφῆς καὶ οὐ τυγχάνω (cf. 3²¹ מַלְאִכַּי); and all that is certainly common to מַלְאִכַּי and מַלְאִכַּי is רוּחַ and קְבָרִים; and it is quite unsafe to claim (Bi.) that מַלְאִכַּי om. נַעֲזָבוּ יָמֵי—exactly that and nothing more. Again, that φερόμενος δέομαι presupposes נָזַע בִּי (Du. apparently, Be.^K) is, to say the least, altogether uncertain; nowhere else does φέρειν = נָזַע, and the fact that in the Pent. בִּי אֲדֹנִי is rendered δέομαι κύριε is far from proving that בִּי קְבָרִים would have been rendered δέομαι δὲ ταφῆς.]

[קְבָרִים] not an intensive pl. (*Lex.*), but rather, if the text is correct, a pl. of extension, virtually equal to *grave-yard*, *cemetery* (G-K. 124c; Kōn. iii. 264c). An intensive pl.—a (stately) tomb—would be suitable in 21³², 2 K. 22²⁰ (= 2 Ch. 34²⁸), 2 Ch. 16¹⁴; but in all these cases the pl. used is קְבָרוֹת. In Neh. 3¹⁶ קְבֵרֵי דָוִד is an abbreviation of, or synonymous with, קְבֵרֵי בְנֵי דָוִד, 2 Ch. 32³³.]

2. [Ἐλίσσεται κάμινον, καὶ τί ποιήσας, is brief and probably

לְמִשַּׁל rd. לְמִשַּׁל.

וְתַפַּת לְפָנִים] a(n object of) spitting to (the) faces (of other people), *i.e.* one before whom people spit (as a mark of aversion); so Hi. Cf. Is. 53³ מִמֶּנּוּ פָנִים בְּמִסְתָּר, *as* (one, as to whom) there is a hiding of faces from him = one from whom men hide their faces. Or (לְפָנֵיהֶם), a(n object of) spitting *before them* (the peoples of v.^a). Not (De. Di. Du.), one in whose face there is a spitting (= in whose face men spit); for to spit *in* the face is idiomatically בְּפָנַי (Nu. 12¹⁴, Dt. 25⁹), and the pronoun would have been expected (תַּפַּת בְּפָנָיו). תַּפַּת only here; the √ would be תַּף (like בִּשַׁת נֶפֶשׁ, from נוֹף, נוֹף); Aram. תַּפַּי, Levy, iv. 658^a (two instances in Talm.); Eth. תַּפַּא, Nu. 12¹⁴ al. (Di. *Lex.* 573). Perhaps, however, we should read וְמוֹפֶת לְפָנֵיהֶם (Ἐ αὐτοῖς; so 𐤔𐤕) and a *portent* (𐤕 exemplum) *before them* must I be (Perles, Be. Bu.); cf. Dt. 28⁴⁶ וְלִמּוֹפֶת; Ps. 71⁷ בְּמוֹפֶת חַיִּיתִי לְרַבִּים בָּאֵהִיהָ.

אֶהְיֶה] *I am to be* (see on 9²⁹).

7. יִצְרִי †] *my framed things* = parts of the body, members: יצר often of God's *forming* man, as Gn. 2⁷⁻⁸, Jer. 1⁵, Ps. 94⁹. Hfm. Bu. יִצְרִי, *my imaginations* (from יָצַר, Gn. 6⁵ 8²¹, Dt. 31²¹); cf. 𐤔 𐤏𐤁𐤁𐤀, *my thoughts*.

בָּלָם] Be. בָּלָם or בָּלוּ, *come to an end* (with יִצְרִי).

9. וְיִטְהַרֶּה] *†hor-*, cf. 38⁷ בְּרִוְיָהּ, Nah. 1³ Qrê וְיִטְהַרֶּה; G-K. 9u, 1c; Gi. Baer, and other edd. (with Kī.), וְיִטְהַרֶּה, G-K. 10h (cf. Baer, p. 43).

10. וְאֵלֶם] *so, for אֵלֶם*, only here, doubtless to produce an assonance with בָּלָם.

בָּלָם] [om. with one MS, the distich being at present 4 : 3, or] with 5 MSS read בָּלָם: the case is not parallel to those in which a 3rd pers. *follows* a 2nd pers. idiomatically, as יִשְׁמְעוּ וְאֵתִי אַתָּם קָבָעִים הָנוּי בָּלוּ 3⁹ Mal. 3⁹ עֲמִים בָּלָם Mic. 1² = 1 K. 22²⁸, and in such cases as Is. 22¹⁶ 54^{1.11} etc. (G-K. 144p); [cf. 12⁴ n. end].

11. Except here, יָפָה is always used in a bad sense, as Is. 32⁷ (of a scheme for ruining the poor in a court of law), Hos. 6⁹, Ps. 26¹⁰, and especially of unchastity, Jb. 31¹¹, Lv.

18¹⁷ etc.; hence on this ground the correctness of פּאָ has been questioned. מוֹרֵשׁ is a *possession* (Is. 14²³ קֶפֶד מוֹרֵשׁ); and מוֹרֵשׁ לִבִּי are supposed to be a fig. for thoughts and hopes, the cherished belongings of the heart. But the fig. is far-fetched. Di. Du. מוֹרֵשׁ = מֵאֲרֵשׁ, *desires* (cf. Ps. 21³ † אֶרְשֶׁת שִׁפְחֹתֵי || תַּאֲוֹת, לבו), from the $\sqrt{\text{}}$ preserved in Ass. *erēshu*, to *desire, ask for; erishtu*, desire (F. Del. *HWB* 139^a). [Wr. suggested מִיתָרִי for מוֹרֵשׁ (cf. Ḓ *ḁrḥpa*), and] Bu. יִתְחַקִּי (or better לְמוֹתֵי (לְמוֹת מוֹרֵשׁ לִבִּי מִיתָרִי לִבִּי, “broken are the cords (Jer. 10²⁰ al.) of my understanding”—my mental faculties are giving way), Du. יָמֵי עֲבָרוּ מִיָּמֵי עֲבָרוּ מֵאֲרֵשׁ לִבִּי, My days pass away without hope; They (indef., as 7³) have annihilated the desires of my heart. [פּאָ gives the suspicious rhythm 2 : 2 : 2 (see on v.¹; Ḓ suggests, and the emendations cited present, the normal rhythm 3 : 3.]

12. [The entire v. seems to have been absent from the original text of Ḓ .]

מִפְּנֵי [קרוב מפני] [there is no justification in Hebrew usage for rendering this *near to*; but Arabic uses *من* regularly after the vb. قَرِبَ and the adj. قَرِيب, as also after the synonymous vb. دَنَا, e.g. Qor. 18²³ هَذَا *لَاقَرِبُ مِنْ* that I may come near to this; 7⁵⁴ *أَنَّ رَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ*, the mercy of God is near to the righteous. The use of מִפְּנֵי in פּאָ is, therefore, scarcely more questionable than the use of פֶּן, if we read with] Bu., redividing the consonants in ^b לֵילָה לְיוֹם יִשְׁמָו אֹרֹךְ קְרוֹבָם, “the light of their friend, they say, shall not become dark.” Du. conjectures *לֵילָה לְיוֹם אֲשֵׁרִים וְאֹרֹךְ מִפְּנֵי הַשֶּׁשֶׁת*, i.e. “Job lives now only in the ‘night,’ in thoughts of death.” Be.^K *לֵילָה לְיוֹם אֲשֵׁרִים (וְיִשְׁמָם) אֹרֹךְ מִפְּנֵי הַשֶּׁשֶׁת* (so Gr.) “before” in Heb., except an idea such as that of motion (נֶם מִפְּנֵי) or *origin* (יֵרָא מִפְּנֵי) is implied, is לִפְנֵי, not מִפְּנֵי; hence in both Du. and Be. לִפְנֵי, not מִפְּנֵי, must be read.

13. [רפדתי] See on 41²² (30), where it is shown that רפד here and 41²² must be from a distinct $\sqrt{\text{}}$ from that of רפדוני, Ca. 2⁵, and רפדה, Ca. 3¹⁰, viz. Ass. *rapādu*, to *stretch oneself*, unless רבדתי and ירבד (cf. רבד, Pr. 7¹⁶ and 1 S. 9²⁵ Ḓ) should be read for רפדתי (here) and ירבד (41²²).

14. It is argued (Bu.) (1) that לשחת קראתי אבי is more forcible than לשחת קראתי אבי אהה; (2) that שחת is fem., and so cannot be addressed אבי; and (3) that sister is suitable for רמה, but hardly mother: hence Bi., he concludes, "may be right" in omitting אבי as added by some one who thought that אמי should not stand alone,—though it is already in ט, —and in reading לשחת קראתי אמי ואחותי לרמה. So Du. Be. [ff gives the infrequent rhythm 4:3; for examples of which, not all certain, see ¹⁰ 5³ 9¹⁰ 18² 19²³ 23¹³ 29²⁵ 30^{16.20} 33¹ 36¹² 37² 38⁴: the emendation, the rhythm 3:2, which is also unusual though not unparalleled in Job (see 8²¹ 9⁶ 12^{17.19} 13¹⁷ 18^{3.11.18} 21¹¹ 22²⁷ 23¹⁶ 27²¹ 29⁵ 32⁶ 33^{16.22} 36¹⁴ 37^{1.8.9} 38⁹ 39³—several of these doubtful or ambiguous). Out of regard to the first of Bu.'s arguments and to the rhythm, אהה should be omitted; but Bu.'s second and third arguments are very questionable: notice that the fem. אבן is personified as a female in Jer. 2²⁷ but as a male in 3⁹, and that שאול, which is generally fem., is, when personified in Jb. 26⁶, construed with the masc. adj. Rejecting אהה but retaining אבי we obtain the normal 3:3 rhythm, and an effective form of parallelism (a. b. c. || c' 2. a') in which the last term of the first line is paralleled by *two* terms at the beginning of the second line without a copula at the beginning of the second line; cf. Is. 43^{3c.d}. See Gray, *Forms*, p. 77.]

15. [ותקוּתִי] ט τὰ ἀγαθά μου = טוֹבָתִי; מַחֲיִנִּי, ὕ *patientiam meam*. The repetition of תקוּתִי is weak [cf. 8³ n.]; it is a great improvement to read either וטוֹבָתִי (Me. Bi. Sgf. Be. Bu. Du.) or וְחַלְתִּי (Hi. on Ps. 112¹⁰; Wr.) or וְחֻלְתִּי (Hi. here). The change is also strongly supported by v.¹⁶, where חרונה (fem. plur.), referring to תקוּתִי alone, is very hard (G-K. 47*k*), but where, with *two* nouns in ¹⁵, the difficulty at once disappears. For the type of sentence, cf. 38²⁹ מִי יִלְרֹ וּבִכְפֹּר שְׂמִים כִּי יִלְרֹ, Jer. 2²⁴ חַחוּתָה מִי יִשְׁבְּנָה.

16. [בְּרִי שְׂאוּל] the sense *bars* (of a gate; cf. שְׂעָרֵי שְׂאוּל, Is. 38¹⁰) is badly supported (the text of Hos. 11⁶ is very dubious), and אִם יַחַד וְנִי yields no satisfactory sense. Ew. Di. al. "when *at the same time* (Ps. 141¹⁰)—viz. that I with my hope go down into Sheol—*there is rest on the dust* (for my body)" is forced;

and RV. "When *once* there is rest in the dust" is, of course, out of the question. $\text{Ἐν ᾗ μετ' ἐμοῦ εἰς ἄδην καταβήσονται, Ἡ ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ χόματος καταβησόμεθα}$, which must be certainly followed with Du. $\text{הַעֲמָדִי שָׁאֵל תְּרֻנָּה אִם יֵחָד עַל עֵפֶר}$ נָחַח. [נָחַח is also used of the descent to death in 21¹³.]

תְּרֻנָּה] [not 3rd s.f. of an energetic mood (Ew. 191c): see G-K. 47^k: and cf. v. 15 n.].

CHAPTER XVIII.

2. קנצי †] from קָנַץ *, √ Arab. *kanaṣa*, to take, capture, ensnare (an animal), Lane, 2568. For שִׁים, to set a snare, cf. Jer. 9⁷ וּבִקְרָבוּ יִשִּׁים אֲרֵבּוּ. The *st. c.* before the prep., as 24⁵, Is. 56¹⁰ (G-K. 130a). [But see next n.]

תְּשִׁימוֹן ט [תְּשִׁימוֹן; and so ^bהִבִּין, and ^{3b}עֵינִךְ. This is probably right. Ew. Di. Bu. explain the plur. from 17^{8f}, where Job seems to widen the issue so as to make it include other righteous men as well as himself. But the terms of 17^{8f} are quite general; and Job nowhere else speaks as the leader, or representative, of a party. Me. Bi. Hfm. Sgf. קִין for קנצי, which, as Di. naturally points out, is inconsistent with עַד אָנָּה. Du. prefers קִין; and, finding that ^{2a} is “too long,” excises עַד אָנָּה, supposing that these words were added (on the analogy of 19²) after קִין had been corrupted into קנצי; and so Be.^K. But ט already expresses עַד אָנָּה; the beginning, תְּשִׁימוֹן קִין לְמִלִּין, is very abrupt, and the corruption of קִין into קנצי is highly improbable. [The emendations of Du. and Be. can scarcely survive these criticisms. But ט remains suspicious. Is not (1) חֲבִינוּ (1) abrupt? Is it altogether satisfactory to emend the strange 2nd plurals of ט into the 2nd singulars of ט without taking any account of the remaining differences between ט and ט? This seems to be one of the cases where ט and the Hebrew original of ט differed widely. Instead of the unusual 4:3 rhythm (17¹⁴ n.) of ט, ט immediately suggests an original (1) in the normal rhythm 3:3, and (2) yielding a better parallelism than ט, and (3) an admirable sense:

Μέχρι τίνος οὐ παύσῃ;
Ἐπίσχες, ἵνα καὶ αὐτοὶ λαλήσωμεν.

When at last wilt thou cease (talking)?

Leave off (now) that *we* may (begin to) speak.

לא (implied by μέχρι τίνος οὐ) in the sense, When at last? will you ever? is thoroughly idiomatic; see Jer. 47⁶, and the synonymous לא עד מתי in 2 S. 2²⁶, Hos. 8⁵, Zec. 1¹². 'Επίσχος might well represent חָרַל construed without a complementary infin. as in 16⁶ (see *Lex.* 293b); παύση possibly rendered תדם (cf. Jer. 25⁸⁷ ח and ט).]

ואחר Du. וְאַחֲרָי (cf. Ἐ καὶ αὐτοί), in agreement with 2a [in Ἐ (see last n.) and] as corrected by Du., but not as ff.

3. נְטִמָּוֹנֹו are defiled (Nif., as Hos. 5³ 6¹⁰ al.; for נְטִמָּוֹנֹו, G-K. 7599). But the idea is not what would be expected here. Rashi, נחשבנו טְמוּמִים; Ki. ענין חֲתִימֵת הלב ואין דעת; Parchon, נִסְתַּמָּה דַעְתָּנו; cf. Aram. and NH. טמטם, to stop up, Is. 33¹⁵ טְמַטְמַטְמַת לְבוֹ מִטְמַטְמַת his ears; Ioma, 39^a sin טְמַטְמַת אָזְנוֹהִי. Hence Schl. Di. De. (from טָמָה = טָמָם), Bu., better, reading (with 3 MSS) נְטִמָּוֹנֹו, we are obtuse, stupid. Ἐ σεσιωπήκαμεν; hence Bi. Be. נִדְמִינוּ, are put to silence (?), Ps. 49^{13. 21} (?).

4. טָרַף נִפְשׁוֹ בִּאֲפֹו [the syntax, though Be. says he can make nothing of it, is perfectly simple; טָרַף נִפְשׁוֹ בִּאֲפֹו may be either a *casus pendens*, resumed by a sf. in the 2nd pers., instead of the more usual 3rd (Dr. 197), for the sake of the pointed address to Job; or טָרַף נִפְשׁוֹ בִּאֲפֹו may be a vocative itself, like 2 K. 9³¹ וּמִרִי הָרֹג אֲדִינוּ (RV. "Is it peace, thou Zimri, thy master's murderer?" Cf. RV. here, "Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger," etc.). Cf. on 12⁴.

אֲרָץ [תַּעֲזֹב] see on 3², and G-K. 51n.

מִמִּקְמוֹ Ἐ ἐκ θεμελίω = מִפּוֹסְדִי (Ps. 18⁸, Dt. 32²²), preferred by Du. as יַעֲקֹב מִמִּקְמוֹ has occurred already (14¹⁸).

5. [רשעים] read רשע (Y): note the sing. suffixes following.]

† שְׁבִיב Aram.: Dn. 3²² 7⁹; Gn. 15¹⁷ Ps.-J. (the only reference in Levy); in Syr. Jb. 41¹⁰, once in Ephr. and lexx. (PS.).

7. יִצְרוּ for יִצְרוּ (✓ יִצְרָר); G-K. 67dd. Cf. in the sg. Pr. 4¹² בִּלְבַתֵּךְ לֹא־יִצְרָר צַדִּיק.

וּתְשַׁלִּיכָהּ Ἐ σφάλαι (Thackeray, *Gramm.* 286) δέ (strictly = וְתִשְׁלַח; Ἀ σφαλεῖη = וְתִשְׁלַח) points to וְתִשְׁלַח; so Di. Bi. Be. Bu. ("agrees better with the figure").

8. **ברגליו** 9 MSS, **רְגְלוֹ** (subj. to **שָׁלַח**; G-K. 1450), and so Du. **שָׁלַח בְּרֶגְלָיו**, which may be right; see, however, Jg. 5¹⁵ **בְּעֶמְקֵי שָׁלַח בְּרֶגְלָיו**. Still the double **ב** here (**ברשת ברגלו**) is not an elegancey.

שִׁבְכָה] only so here: elsewhere a *lattice*, 2 K. 1², or a *network* ornament on the pillars of the Temple, 1 K. 7¹⁷ al. Cf. Arab. *shabaket*, used now by the *fellahin* of Palestine to denote a *bird-net* (PEF QS, 1905, 38).

יִתְהַלֵּךְ G-K. 54k.

9. **בְּעֶמְקָב**] Rd. with Bi.¹ Sgf. Be. Bu. Du. **בְּעֶמְקָב**.

יִחְזֹק Rd. **יִחְזֹק**; and cf. on 13²⁷ and v. 12. **עַל הַחֲזִיק** only here; usually **ב' הַחֲזִיק**.

צִמִּים 5[†]; see note there. The precise mng. is uncertain (NH. **צִמִּים** is to *press*; v. Levy); but the context favours strongly some kind of trap or net. The versions confuse with **צִמְאִים**, or paraphrase (**ἄδυσσοντας**; **צְהוּנָא**, **Y** *sitis*; **ἰ** *the cage*, **נִבְרִיא**, the *uprooters*, Levy (*ChWB*. ii. 87).

10. **מִלְכָּדָת**] only here; but the **לְכָד** is used of catching in a trap or net: Am. 3⁵, Ps. 35⁸ al.

11. **וְהִפְצֵהוּ לְרִגְלָיו**] Very graphic: wherever he goes, at every step, these "spectral" terrors pursue him, and scare him further. Notice both the pf. with the **י** cons., implying what is *constantly* taking place; and **הִפְיִן**, to *scatter*, applied properly to a *body* of people, but here to an individual. If a change is deemed necessary, the best conjectures are **וְהִקְיֵפוּ עַל רִגְלָיו** (Voigt), and (Bu.) **וְהִדְפֵּהוּ לְרִגְלָיו**, as v. 18.

לְרִגְלָיו] idiom. for *at every step*; lit. *according to* (*Lex*. 516b) *his feet* (or *foot*), guided by them, following them closely; cf. Gn. 30³⁰ (RV. *whithersoever I turned*, cf. 33¹⁴ **לְרִגְלֵי הַמֶּלֶאכָה**), 1 S. 25⁴², Is. 41² (RV. 2nd marg.), Hab. 3⁵.

12. **יִרְהִי** Rd. **יִהִי**; cf. on v. 9. In a description of facts, a *wish* is quite out of place; but **ἔ** renders by optatives in vv. 7a, b. Sb. 9a. 11a, b. 13a. 14a, b. 17a. 18a; so it is possible that scribes, disregarding the context, considered—though not consistently—these references to the fate of the wicked to be not *descriptions*, but *wishes*, and that **יִהִי** for **יִרְהִי** is the work of such a scribe.

[רַעֲב אָנוּ] (1) his strength (v.⁷) is *famished*, fig. for enfeebled, undermined; so EVV. ("hungerbitten"), Ew. Di.; (2) his trouble (from רָעַב, 5⁶; || אֵיד) beginneth to hunger (so Bu.; (יהיה רַעֲב), viz. for him, Del. Hi. Bu. Du. (reading לוֹ אָנוּ for אָנוּ). רַעֲב, however, does not occur elsewhere in the sense of *ravenous for*; and should we not, had this been the sense, have expected אָנוּ לֹא רַעֲב לָלֶחֶם? (cf. אָנוּ לֹא נִרְעַב, Jer. 42¹⁴; לֹא רַעֲב לָלֶחֶם, Am. 8¹¹).

13. מֵל "it consumeth the limbs of his skin, the first-born of death consumeth his limbs." The parallelism is here both incomplete and weak; and as בָּרִים (41⁴† of the limbs of a crocodile) means elsewhere *poles* (Ex. 25¹³ etc.), or *rods* (shoots) of a tree (Ezk. 17⁶ 19⁴), it will signify *separate extended* limbs, not mere pieces of flesh, so that the "limbs of his *skin*" (EVV. quite gratuitously, "of his *body*") is a strange expression. Wr. Be. Bu. in ^a יֹאכֵל בְּרִי עוֹרִי, i.e. "through sickness his skin is consumed, the first-born of death consumeth his limbs": בְּרִי, as עֶרֶשׂ הָיִי, Ps. 41⁴, cf. Jb. 6⁷†; also דָּי (of the heart), Is. 1⁵, Jer. 8¹⁸, La. 1²²†; and מְרוֹה, Dt. 7¹⁵ 28⁶⁰† (the "diseases of Egypt"). Du. strikes out ^{13a} as an inferior variant of ^{13b}, and ^{14a} as interrupting the connexion between ^{13b} and ^{14b}, and probably originally a marginal gloss on ^{15a}: he thus gets, for ¹³⁻¹⁴, the distich יֹאכֵל בְּרִי בְּכֹר מוֹת רֵעֵהוּ לְמֶלֶךְ בְּלֹהוֹת.

14. [מִבְּטָחוֹ] in apposition to אָהָלוֹ—his tent, in which he had expected to be always secure. Cf. 8¹⁴ וּבֵית עֹכֵבִישׁ מִבְּטָחוֹ. Cf. ἐκπαρείη δὲ ἐκ διαίτης (see on 5³) αὐτοῦ ἰσχυροῦ (= מִרְפָּא).

[וְתַנְעִדָּהוּ] the subj. must be the doom described in the previous words; cf. 4⁵ (the trial); Ps. 69^{11. 32} (the actions previously described); Is. 7⁷ 14²⁴ (the plan spoken of); Kö. iii. 323f; G-K. 144^b. But יַנְעִדָּהוּ would be only a slight change; see then on v.¹⁸ and 7³. [Or the line may be more seriously corrupt: note for וְתַנְעִדָּהוּ לְמֶלֶךְ בְּלֹהוֹת ^U has *quasi rex, interitus* (as subj. of the vb.), ^S בְּלֹהוֹת מֶלֶךְ (as subj.).]

15. [מִבְּלִי לוֹ] The מִן is partitive (so Hi. Di. Bu. rightly; Lex. 580b; 2 S. 11²⁴ מִעֲבָרֵי חִמְלֶךְ (וימותו מעברי חמלך), (things) of (what are) not his ("Nicht ihmgehöriges," Bu.); for the omission of the relative, cf. 39¹⁶ הָיוּ הַמְּרִבָּה לֹא-לוֹ הַקִּשִּׁיחַ בְּנִיחַ לֹא-לָהּ, Hab. 2⁶ הָיוּ הַמְּרִבָּה לֹא-לוֹ. The pred. חֲשֹׁבֵן is in the fem., on account of the collective idea

implied in מְבִלֵּי לוֹ (G-K. 145^k), the allusion being, not to men, but to weeds and wild animals such as are found in deserted ruins. Θ (Θ) for מְבִלֵּי-לוֹ, ἐν νυκτὶ αὐτοῦ = בְּלִילָיו; Voigt, Be. לִילִית, the night-hag supposed to haunt desolate sites (Is. 34^{14†}); Du. בְּלִיעַל, which he renders *Unheilbarkeit*, "incurability" (cf. Ps. 41⁹), and by which he supposes leprosy to be meant, in particular the kind that affected houses, and made them uninhabitable (Lv. 14^{33ff.}).

17. [עַל פְּנֵי חוּץ. cf. 5¹⁰ עַל פְּנֵי חוּצוֹת (as here). Del. [also compares Pr. 8²⁶ וְחִצּוֹת אֶרֶץ, where Θ renders 'ח' אֶרֶץ by *χώρας καὶ ἀοικήτους*: so here S renders חוּץ אֶרֶץ, over the face of the steppe; thus, in antithesis to אֶרֶץ, which here and in 30⁸ signifies the cultivated, settled country, חוּץ is the steppe country; Del. compares البرية (cf. S as just cited) the steppe, the regular antithesis to الارض العامرة, the cultivated country].

18. [יְהוּדָהּוּ . . . יְהוּדָהּוּ the plur., as 4¹⁹ 6² 7³ etc. (G-K. 144^g; and on 4¹⁹ 7³). Θ in ^b (a omitted), Υ in both clauses, express the sg.; ΣΘ the plur. Du. prefers the sg., supposing God to be referred to. But the hostility of men is here more suitable.

19. [נִין Is. 14²², Gn. 21^{23†}; the verb Ps. 72¹⁷ נִין, Kt.; יָנַן, Qrê (si vera l.)†.

[נָכַד Is. 14²², Gn. 21^{23†}, apparently akin to Eth. *nagad*, *gens*, *stirps* (usually = φυλή); = δῆμος = מִשְׁפָּחָה, Nu. 4²⁴ al.; = γένος, Lv. 21¹³; Di. *Lex.* 695. נִין and נָכַד also occur in Sir. 41⁵ 47²².

[שָׂרִיד *fugitive* or *survivor*, after a defeat (so mostly) or other disaster (Nu. 21³⁵, Dt. 2³⁴, Jos. 8²² 10^{20, 28}, 2 K. 10¹¹ al.; La. 2²² שָׂרִיד וְשָׂרִיד . . . לֹא הָיָה; once, Jos. 10²⁰); Arab. *sharada* is to take fright and run away (of an animal). EVV. *remaining*, *that remaineth*, are inadequate.

[מְגוּרָיו *his sojourning-places*; cf. מְגוּרָם, Ps. 55¹⁶ (?). מ' otherwise only in the sense of "sojourning," in the expressions (P) מְגוּרָיִם (שְׁנֵי יָמִי) אֶרֶץ; cf. בֵּית מְגוּרָי, Ps. 119⁵⁴.

20. [אַחֲרָנִים וְקִדְמָנִים] Is the meaning *the hinder ones* and

the front ones, i.e. those in the W. and those in the E. (so Ew. Hi. De. Di. Du.; cf. הַיָּם הָאֲחֵרִים, *the Hinder Sea*, of the Mediterranean Sea, Dt. 11²⁴ 34², Jl. 2²⁰, Zec. 14⁸, and הַיָּם הַקִּדְמוֹנִי, *the Front Sea*, of the Dead Sea, Ezk. 47¹⁸, Jl. 2²⁰, Zec. 14⁸)? or *the later ones* (cf. Qoh. 4¹⁶, and דָּר אַחֲרָיו, Ps. 48¹⁴ al.) and *the former ones* (cf. 1 S. 24¹⁴), the later and the former generations, i.e. (Hirz. Schl. and other older scholars) the remoter posterity and their ancestors,—the latter being the contemporaries of the wicked man who witnessed his fate, or (Bu.) learnt of it in Sheol (cf. Is. 14^{9f.}). It is true the adjj. אַחֲרָנִים and קִדְמוֹנִים are not used elsewhere of the dwellers on the W. and E., but the “Hinder Sea” and the “Front Sea” seem sufficient support for the interpretation; while to understand *the former ones* (in contrast to *the later ones*) of persons contemporary with the wicked man himself places an unnatural sense upon the expression.

אַחֲזֹר שָׁעִיר] see on 3³.

21. אֵךְ] cf. Ps. 58¹².

אֵלֶּה] = such as these; cf. Ps. 73¹² הֵנָּה אֵלֶּה רָשָׁעִים; and זוֹה, c. 20²⁹.

מִקּוֹם] G-K. 130d.

CHAPTER XIX.

2. [תָּגִיוֹן] Hif. from יָגַה (cf. יָגֹן, *sorrow*, Ps. 13³ al.); G-K. 75^u, *gg*, end.

[וַתִּדְבָּאֵנִי] so Kit. : on the -נִי- (here with euphonic dagesh in the נ), G-K. 60e (cf. Is. 60^{7. 10}). Baer with וַתִּדְבָּאֵנִי, with quiescent א (one of the 48 words written with quiescent א, Baer, p. 44, *Ochlah we-ochla*, No. 103), G-K. 23c, 75^{oo}, cf. 74i; Ginsb. Kt. וַתִּדְבָּאֵנִי, Qrê וַתִּדְבָּאֵנִי (without dag. in the נ).

3. [זֶה] adverbial (Nu. 14²²; *Lex.* p. 261b).

[לֹא־תִבְשׁוּ תַּהֲרָרָלִי] construction, as 32²², Is. 42²¹; G-K. 120c.

[תַּהֲרָרָ] from תָּהַר † = Arab. *hakara*, to be filled with wonder (cf. AW. Kī. *wonder at me*); hence Del., תַּהֲרָרָ being taken as Hif. (G-K. 53ⁿ), and לִי in לִי as the *nota accus.* (on 5²), *ye amaze me*. 3 MSS תַּהֲרָרָ, from תָּהַר † = Arab. *hakara*, to wrong, detract from; so Ew. Ges. Bu. Du. David Kimchi states that his father Joseph explained לִי תַּהֲרָרָ by לִי תַּעֲזִיב פְּנֵיכֶם, *harden your faces at me*, since *hakara* in Arab. meant פָּנִים; and this is the source of AVm. *harden yourselves against me*, AV. *deal hardly with me*. Ἐὐὐκ αἰσχυρόμενοί με ἐπὶ κείσθῃ μοι, whence Be. תַּפְּרוּ; cf. on 6^{27b} (Ἐὐ ἐν ἁλλεσθῃ).

4. [שְׁגִיתִי . . . תִּלִּין] a hypoth. sentence, without אִם: see on 7²⁰.

5. [עָלִי תַּגְדִּילוּ] as Ps. 55¹³ al.; the Hif., as G-K. 53f.

6. [דָּעִי] see on 15³².

[עָתָה] is to make crooked (Qoh. 7¹³), *pervert* balances, Am. 8⁵; judgment, Jb. 8³: here with a personal obj., as La. 3³⁶ לְעָתָה אֲדָם בָּרִיבוּ, and Ps. 119⁷⁸ כִּי שָׁקַר עָתָהוּנִי, for they have lyingly *subverted me* (in judgment).

[מְצוֹדֵר] from מְצוֹד, Qoh. 7²⁶, a hunting-implement, by usage, a *net*; so מְצוֹדָה, Qoh. 9¹² (for fish) †; מְצוֹדָה, Ezk. 12¹³ 17²⁰, Ps. 66¹¹.

10. [וּאֵלֶּיךָ] G-K. 69*p*.

11. [וַיִּתְּחַר] In Hif. only here. It is not necessary; and very probably וַיִּתְּחַר should be read.

[כָּצְרוּ] Ἐ ὥσπερ ἐχθρόν, ῢ כָּצַר, 𐤒 כָּצְרוּ.

13. [מֵעֵלֵי] idiomatic with verbs expressing *separation from* (lit. *from attachment to*; see on 1 S. 28¹⁵; *Lex.* 759*a*); here, *from companionship with*.

[הִרְחִיקוּ] Ἐ (ἀδελφοί μου ἀπέστησαν) ᾿ΑΣ ῢ הִרְחִיקוּ (intrans., as Gn. 44⁴); so Me. Wr. Bi. Sgf. Be. Bu. Du. [Note the pl. in the 𐤒, and that 𐤒𐤒 may easily have arisen through haplography of the ו; but Di. prefers 𐤒𐤒 with הִרְחִיק trans., and God (as in v.¹¹) the subj., and treats Ἐ as due to dittography. With 𐤒𐤒 cf. Ps. 88^{9.19}.]

[אֵךְ זֹרֵר] are *only, wholly*, estranged from me: אֵךְ, as Dt. 16¹⁵ Ἐ; אֵךְ אֱלֹהִים שְׂרִי יַעַן Is. 16⁷ 19¹¹ אֵךְ עֲשׂוֹק וְנוֹזֵל 28²⁰, וְהִיִּית אֵךְ שְׂמִיחַ (one rendering) ἀνελεήμονες = אֲכֹזֵר (though no *verb* אֲכֹזֵר is known), which, however, is not consistent with מִמֶּנִּי.

14. This v. is short; v.^{15a} is longer than would be expected; hence Kenn. Me. Bi. Wr. Be. read חֲדָלוּ קְרוֹבִי וּמִדַּעִי שִׁכְחוֹנִי שְׂכַחוֹנִי. On the other hand גִּרִּי בֵּיתִי goes with אִמְהָתִי better than in ^{14b} with שִׁכְחוֹנִי and parallel to קְרוֹבִי וּמִדַּעִי. Du., deciding similarly, proposes מִדַּעִי, “*cease from knowing me*”; but this is quite unnecessary. דַּע, *knowledge*, occurs in Elihu’s speeches (32^{6.10.17} 36³ 37¹⁶); but מִדַּעִי for מִדַּעִתִּי is unparalleled. [By itself v.¹⁴ might perhaps stand: the rhythm (2: 2: Gray, *Forms*, p. 159 ff.) and the parallelism (a. b || b’ a’; *ib.* 64 f.) are in themselves admirable, and, outside Job, common: even in Job, 10⁶ is an instance, and a very few others might perhaps be found; but v.¹⁵ is intolerable, and the verse division of ^{14f} can scarcely be correct.]

15. [תַּחֲשַׁבְנִי] for the *fem.* with 𐤒𐤒, see G-K. 146*e*, end; Kō. 349*t* (Ezk. 35^{10a}; but in Jer. 44²⁵ rd. (אתנה הנשים); with גִּרִּי removed to v.¹⁴ the syntax is normal.

[בְּעִינֵיהֶם] the masc. sf., referring (if גִּרִּי בֵּיתִי be removed to

14) to אמהתי alone, is a frequent anomaly; G-K. 1350. On the ה in אמהתי, see on 2 S. 6²⁰.

17. [זרה] not זרה, and consequently 3 pf. fem.; cf. 13 זרו. Hi. Du. al. is *abhorrent to*, from זר = (not זר, but) זר (Dr. § 178), *fastidivit, abhorruit*, c. acc. rei (Freyt.); but as זר is transitive, this would yield a wrong sense, *abhors* instead of *is abhorrent to*. The rendering *is strange* (De. Di.) is sufficient. Jer. “*halitum meum exhorruit uxor mea*,” paraphrasing.

והחנתי RV. *my supplication*. But חנ is to *shew favour*, or *be gracious*—even in the same anomalous form of the inf., which, if RV. were right, would be used here, Ps. 77¹⁰ הִשְׁכַּח הַחֲנוּת אֵל; it is only the *Hithp.* which means to *supplicate* (lit. to *get or seek favour for oneself*; G-K. 54*f*), and *supplication* is תַּחֲנוּן. In Arab. حَنَ (conj. x.) is *foetorem emisit*, and Syr. ܡܢܢܐ is *rancid* (PS. 1315*a*); hence *I am offensive*, RVm. with Ew. Schl. De. Di. Bu. etc. וְחִנֵּיתִי (*mil'el*) will be the pf. with ׀ cons., with freq. force (as Ex. 33¹⁹ אֲחֵן אֶת אִשְׂרָאֵל, and regularly with verbs ע״ע), like 16^{12b}; though there are a few cases (Dt. 32⁴¹, Is. 44¹⁶, Ps. 17³ 92¹¹ 116⁶) in which the 1 pf. of these verbs is anomalously *mil'el* even without the ׀ cons. (see Del. here, and G-K. 67*ee*). Du. וְצַחֲנִיתִי (Jl. 2²⁰), and *my stink*; but this will agree only with the doubtful *be abhorrent to* for זרה in ^a.

18. [עוילים] 21¹¹† [not 16¹¹; see n. there]. To be explained, it seems (cf. Wetzst. *ap.* Del. here; Lane, 2200^a, 2201^{b-c}), from Arab. ‘āla (med. ٤), to *feed, nourish, or sustain one's family or household*; whence ‘ayyil, pl. ‘iyāl, a’yāl, *the persons whom a man feeds and supports, as his young man, or slave, his wife, and his young child*, “among all tribes of the Syrian desert, used of children generally, without distinction of age” (Wetzst. *ZDMG* xxii. (1868) p. 128). R. Levi's statement in *Breshith Rabba*, c. 36 (cited by Del.), is interesting: עוילה עוילה, “In Arabic they call children עוילה.” (Not from עיל = غَال, to *suck*.)

וַיִּדְבְּרוּ בִּי [אֲקוּמָה] I would arise! and they speak against me. A very anomalous form of hypothetical sentence, but

analogous to 3^{25a} 9^{20b} 23^{13b}, the cohortative only making the first verb more graphic.

19. [וְהִרְאֵה בְּתִי נִהְפָּכוּ בִי זֶה] The relative omitted after זֶה, as 15¹⁷; and זֶה construed with a pl. verb. Not so elsewhere; but זֶה is conceived as a collective (cf., with אַחֵר, 8¹⁹), as it is implicitly in Jg. 20¹⁶ בְּלִיזָה קָלַע בְּאַבְנֵי, 17 כָּל זֶה אִישׁ מִלְחָמָה, Lev. 11^{4.9} (*Lex.* 260b).

20. Ἐν δέρματί μου ἐσάπησαν [רָקְבָה] αἱ σάρκες μου, Τὰ δὲ ὀστᾶ μου ἐν ὀδοῦσιν [^Α ὀδύναϊς] ἔχεται. 'A. = 𐤀𐤋, Σ^a = 𐤀𐤋; Σ^b καὶ ἐξέτιλλον (thinking of מֵרַט, Me., or cf. Eth. ሙሙ : *deradere*, 𐤀𐤌𐤁𐤁𐤀𐤌 : *deradi, depilari*, Ezk. 29¹⁸ (Di. 154), Be.) τὸ δέρμα μου ὀδοῦσιν ἐμοῖς. Hupf. (1853) in ^b conjectured (after Σ) עֹר בִּשְׁנֵי, And I escaped "with the skin, i.e. the life, in my teeth (cf. 13¹⁴ אִשָּׁא בִּשְׂרִי בִּשְׁנֵי = with the bare life"; so Wr., but reading better עֹרִי, "And I carry my skin in my teeth"; Me. בְּעֹרִי בִּשְׂרִי רָקְבָה וְאַחְמַלְטָה בְּשֵׁנִי עֲצָמִי, "Within my skin my flesh rotteth, And I escape, with my bones in my teeth"; Bi.¹ Bu. בְּעֹרִי דְּבַקָּה עֲצָמִי וְאַחְמַלְטָה בְּשֵׂרִי בִּשְׁנֵי, My bone cleaveth to my skin, And I am escaped (with) my flesh in my teeth; Bi.² בְּעֹרִי דְּבַקָּה עֲצָמִי וְחִתְמַלְטֵן בְּשֵׁנִי, Be. בְּבִשְׂרִי דְּבַקָּה עֲצָמִי וְאַחְמַלְטָה בְּעֹר שְׁנֵי "and I am become hairless in the skin of my teeth," עֹר שְׁנֵי denoting the lips and cheeks, and אַחְמַלְטָה being explained from the Eth. *malata*, cited above); Du. בְּעֹרִי בִּשְׂרִי רָקְבָה וְחִתְמַלְטֵן בְּשֵׁנִי (in ^a = Me.; in ^b "and my teeth have slipped out (haben sich davon gemacht)," omitting בְּעֹר with 𐤀𐤋, and following substantially Bi.²; בִּשְׂרִים as Pr. 14³⁰, and the fem. רָקְבָה by G-K. 145^k). Of these emendations, that of Bi.¹ Bu. deviates least from 𐤀𐤋; it is undoubtedly the best. [That עֲצָמִי, as in Bu.'s emendation and also in 𐤀𐤋, and not as in some of the other emendations, בִּשְׂרִי is the subj., is favoured by the fem. vb. (דְּבַקָּה, or, after 𐤀𐤋, (רָקְבָה). In, e.g., Gn. 9⁴ בִּשָּׂר is clearly masc.: this is in accordance with the general rule that parts of the body other than those that exist in pairs are masc. (G-K. § 122 n.: more fully Albrecht in *ZATW*, 1896, p. 72 ff.); and there is no evidence that בִּשָּׂר was ever used as fem. On the other hand, though the same general rule would lead us to expect that עֲצָמ, like عَظْم,

would be masc., and in 2 S. 21¹², Jer. 8¹⁶, Ezk. 37^{5, 6, 8} masc. suffixes are used in reference to the *pl.* (cf. n. on v. 15), in Jb. 30³⁰ עַצְמִי is construed with the 3rd sing. fem. of the verb (חָרָה) as it is also in Ps. 102⁶ (closely similar to the present), and the *pl.* is construed with the fem. *pl.* of the vb. in Is. 66¹⁴, Ezk. 37³, Ps. 35¹⁰ 51¹⁰. In Syr. ܐܬܡܢܐ is fem. but it means *thigh*, and is, therefore, fem. according to the rule that parts of the body occurring in pairs are fem.]

21. [אתם רעי] cf. אחותנו אִתִּי, Gn. 24⁶⁰ [*preceding* an impv.].

22. [אל] [here, as in 55 other passages in Job (*Lex.* 42b), means *God*: it is not, as in 1 Ch. 20⁸, an alternative orthography for אֱלֹהִים (Saad.), nor to be emended to אֵל (Reiske, Perles, Be.^T), or גֵּאֵל (Neubauer, *Athenæum*, 1885 (June), p. 823)].

23. [מי יתן] with impf., as 6⁸ 13⁵ 14¹³; only here with י.

בְּסֵפֶר prefixed to the verb for emph. “In a book,” as 1 S. 10²⁵, Ex. 17¹⁴; G-K. 126s.

[מי יתן (2)] represented in $\mathfrak{C}$ by $\tau\epsilon\theta\eta\nu\alpha\iota$ δὲ ἀντὰ (against Be.).

[יִחְקֹו] the non-pausal form would be יִחְקֹוּ (with d. f. implic. in ה), an Aramaizing form for the regular יִחְקֹוּ; the non-duplication of the *q* implying the implicit duplication of the ה (cf. הַמְכֹוּ, 24²⁴; וַיִּכְתְּבוּ, Dt. 1⁴⁴). See Kö. i. p. 375; G-K. 67γ. Be. weakens the verse effectively by reading מִי יתן (or Be.^K מִלִּי בְּסֵפֶר (ויחֲקֹו מִלִּי) ויכתבון ובספר יחֲקֹו מִלִּי; Du. reads מִי יתן אֲפֹ ויכתבון מִלִּי בְּסֵפֶר יחֲקֹו, also disimproving it. Bu. says justly that no change is needed [; but the rhythm (4 : 3) of $\mathfrak{H}$, though not unparalleled (17¹⁴ n.), is unusual].

24. [ועפרת] Bu. בעפרת “in lead,” on the ground that the custom of running molten lead into the characters engraved on the rock to give them greater clearness and permanence is not known, as Di. admits, to have been in use in antiquity. This sense is also expressed by $\mathfrak{F}$ stylo ferreo et plumbi lamina. Di. inclines to it, and thinks it is probably what the poet intended, but sees that $\mathfrak{H}$ does not express it. But the change necessitates the insertion of אֵן before לְעֵד.

[לְעֵד] prefixed for emph. Θ Me. Hfm. Be. לְעֵד.

[יְהִצְבֵּן] with —, although in pause, like יִפְצֵץ, 24²¹ (Baer, p. 45). The Or. reading is יִהְצֵבֵן (*ib.* p. 57), like יִפְחֵלֵן, Ps. 104²⁰, the regular pausal form in Nif. (G-K. 51*m*, end).

25. [יִדְעֵתִי גֵּאֲלִי חִי] For the absence of כִּי after יָדַע, see also, *e.g.*, 30²³, Am. 5¹².]

[גֵּאֲלִי חִי וְאַחֲרָיו] Ἐ ἀέναός ἐστιν ὁ ἐκλύειν με μέλλων. It is very precarious to argue that Ἐ disregarded וְאַחֲרָיו (Me.). Elsewhere ἀέν. renders עוֹלָם (Gn. 49²⁶, Dt. 33^{15, 27}); it may, therefore, here render the two words חִי וְאַחֲרָיו which, taken together, might be regarded as synonymous with עוֹלָם, whereas חִי by itself asserts, directly, less than ἀέναός. Or, if the order of Ἐ may be pressed, Ἐ may have read גֵּאֲלִי חִי וְאַחֲרָיו and rendered חִי by ἀέναός, and גֵּאֲלִי וְאַחֲרָיו, or perhaps 'ג' א', by ὁ ἐκλύειν με μέλλων (see Be. with references there). There is, it is true, another consideration that might point to one of these words being intrusive; the rhythm of ἤ appears to be 4 : 3, for גֵּאֲלִי חִי cannot easily be taken as a single stress, and 4 : 3 in Job is infrequent and suspicious (17¹⁴ n.). We could obtain an unmistakable 3 : 3 rhythm by omitting חִי וְ, then גֵּאֲלִי, made for emphasis the obj. of יָדַע (as וִירָא of הָאֹר in Gn. 1⁴), would be the virtual subj. of יָקוּם. But this would leave the parallelism poorer, and the expression of the whole weaker than in ἤ. It is best, therefore, to retain ἤ especially since the considerations, for what they might otherwise be worth, suggested by rhythm and Ἐ do not converge: *if* anything was absent from Ἐ, it was וְאַחֲרָיו; *if* anything had to be omitted for rhythm, it would be חִי.]

[וְאַחֲרָיו] that this is actually a subst. and means *afterman*, *sponsor* (Be.^K), is neither proved nor probable; if it were, we should certainly expect אַחֲרָיו (|| גֵּאֲלִי || cf. שְׁהִי || עֲדִי, 16¹⁹). If correct, it is most probably in the acc. of the state (G-K. 118*n*)—*later on* . . . he will stand up. Sgf. reads אַחֲרָיו, Che. (EBi. 2475) עֲרִבְנִי (cf. 17³), with אָקָה for יָקוּם below.]

[עַל-עֶפֶר] if virtually = *upon* (*my*) *grave*, עֶפֶר is used as in 7²¹ 17¹⁶ 20¹¹ in particular of the dust or soil in which a dead body is laid, *i.e.* the grave. Cf. also 10⁹, Ps. 104³⁹, though these are rather different: in the Ps. עֶפֶר with the personal

[ואַחַר עוֹרִי] So אח and all the VV. except ע , which reads עוֹרִי but om. ואַחַר. In ח ואַחַר is taken adverbially, in זט as a prep. But, as in יָקוּם (v.²⁵) and אֱלֹהֵי in ^b, the *scriptio plena* in עוֹרִי may be later than ע ; the *scriptio defectiva* actually occurs elsewhere even in אח (e.g. עָרִי, Nu. 19⁵). Written defectively עֲרִי would be scarcely distinguishable from עָרִי; consequently it would be very legitimate to read אַחֲרֵי עָרִי (Bi.² Du.) if without further emendation this produced a good distich; but it does not (see next n.). Yet, even though עוֹרִי be retained, the ambiguity of אַחַר remains: it may be (1) an adv., *afterwards* (e.g. Gn. 18⁵ 24⁵⁵, Jg. 19⁵ al.), but not *in novissimo die* (ח), *at the last day* (AV.), *am jüngsten Tage* (Honth.); or (2) a prep. governing עוֹרִי, with a local or temporal force, *behind* (cf. Is. 57⁸), which Ehrlich interprets as *under* (my skin), Bu. as “still enclosed (*umschlossen*) by my skin,” i.e. still alive, or *after* (as, e.g., 1 K. 19^{11f.}), i.e. after the disappearance or destruction of my skin; or (3) a conj. = אַחֲרֵי אִשֶּׁר (as 42⁷ אח , Jer. 41¹⁶, Lv. 14⁴³ אח), *after that* (my skin has been destroyed). If עוֹרִי is correctly read, it is a parallel term to בָּשָׂרִי in ^b (אח , not ע) as in 7⁵ (19²⁰), and אַחַר should be parallel in sense to the מֵן of מִבְּשָׂרִי: unfortunately this latter phrase is also ambiguous (see below). If מִבְּשָׂרִי means *away from my flesh*, i.e. after my body has perished, עוֹרִי אַחֲרֵי should have the same meaning; but Bu. raises two objections to this: (1) that אַחַר is always local when it refers to an *object*, and temporal only when it refers to an *action*: since the idea of passage is more directly suggested there than here, 1 K. 19^{11f.} does not perhaps entirely invalidate this; (2) that whereas בָּשָׂרִי by itself is often used for the entire body as contrasted with the נֶפֶשׁ or לֵב (e.g. 14²², Ps. 16⁹ 63²), עוֹר is not, but is used strictly of the outward covering of the body, the skin (30³⁰, La. 4⁸ 5¹⁰, Jer. 13²³), and combined with בָּשָׂר requires the latter to be used in its specific sense of the flesh under the skin (7⁵), the two together being contrasted with the inner framework of the body formed by the bones; cf. 10¹¹ 19²⁰, and (עוֹר + שָׂאֵר) Mic. 3^{2f.}. If the text could be trusted, in 18¹³ עוֹר would have the wider sense of *body*, which Bu. questions.]

[נִקְפָּו זֹאת] the vb. is taken either (1) as the pred. of the

sentence introduced by the *conj.* or *adv.* אַחַר (see last n.) with the obj. עוֹרִי of נִקְפוּ prefixed—an emphatic position (cf. Dr. § 208 (1), for which there seems to be no reason here, or (2) as the vb. of a relative sentence qualifying עוֹרִי in the *prepositional* phrase—*after my skin which* . . . , the relative particle being omitted according to G-K. 155*b*. In either case נִקְפוּ is commonly explained as the 3rd pl. act. corresponding idiomatically to our passive (4¹⁹ n.). The vb. is, then, Piel of נָקַף, *to strike off, away*; cf. Is. 10³⁴ † (of striking off branches), and the verbal noun נִקְף of beating olive berries off the tree (Is. 17⁶ 24¹³). These comparisons are already made by the mediæval Jewish commentators (Ibn Ezr.; Anon., ed. Wright and Hirsch.). The form might also be Nif., used as a passive of the Hif. (G-K. 51*f*) of נָקַף, *to go around* (Is. 29¹), in Hif. *to surround* (v.⁶ and often). שׁוּ clearly think of this vb., and Honth. has recently defended this interpretation; but he can account for the pl. only by the very forced suggestion that its subject is זֶמֶת used collectively of the bones of the body with the sense of *I*—at the last day I shall be (proph. pf.) surrounded with my skin! Other interpretations of זֶמֶת are scarcely less forced: the alternatives are to suppose that it means *this* (will happen)—so ט; or *in this manner* (Del.)—an acc. of manner never elsewhere taken by זֶה or זֶמֶת; or that it is a kind of resumption of עוֹרִי; or, since this is masc., a reference, accompanying a gesture, to the body (Di.)—and *after my skin has been struck away*, (viz.) *this* (skin or body).]

[וּמִבְשָׁרוֹ] either *away from my flesh*, or *from my flesh* is, so far as the phrase itself is concerned, equally possible; for the rare but by no means unusual use of מִן in the former case, cf. 11¹⁵ n.]

[The uncertainties and difficulties of שׁוּ in this v. being so great, it is not surprising that attempts at emendation have been numerous and ingenious, if not convincing. Bu., by a very slight change (נִקְףָּ כְּזֶמֶת), eliminates at once the awkward pl. נִקְפוּ and the impossible זֶמֶת, and obtains the distich:

Within my skin thus struck away,
And from my flesh, I shall see God;

but that a skin which has been struck away should still enclose the speaker is curious. As an alternative he considers one of the suggestions offered by Be.^T, viz. נִקְפֹּתִי for נָקְפוּ זֹאת, which gives a completer parallelism of terms but a not very probable prophetic pf. :

Within my skin I look out,
And from my flesh I shall see God.

Be.^T's other suggestion was נִקְפֹּתִי. Bi. also offered two emendations; Bi.¹ (in ^b mainly following G) proposed

ואחר עֲרֵי נִקְפָה זֹאת
ומשִׁדֵּי אֲחֻזָּה אֱלֹהִים

which requires at least as much defence and apology as H. Bi.², bringing over יָקָם (G) from v.²⁵, reads :

יָקָם עֲרֵי נִקְמָת זֹאת
ומִשִּׁדֵּי אֲחֻזָּה אֱלֹהִים

My witness [*i.e.* God] will take vengeance for this,
But a curse will seize my adversaries,

cleverly obtained by very slight departures from either H or G; but as Bu. asks: Why אֲחֻזָּה and not תִּלְאָתוֹ, why נִקְמָת זֹאת instead of the better antithesis נִקְמָתִי, and why the unknown Poel of נִקְרָה? And the answer must be that, if the idea were more naturally and normally expressed, the emended text would differ so widely from H and G as to appear improbable. Du., also by slight changes, obtains the distich :

ויָקָם אַחֵר עֲרֵי
וּקָף זֶה אֲחֻזָּה:

And another will arise as my witness,
And this one will set up his sign—

understanding the "sign" to be that which he supposes the avenger of blood set up over the corpse of him who was to be avenged. By now combining ^{26b} with ^{27a}, and ^{27b} and ^c, Du. gets rid of the isolated stichos formed by ^{27c} if, as is usual, ^{27a}. ^b be taken as a distich. But the אֲחֻזָּה and זֶה of Du.'s emendation

are improbable, and ^{27a} is better paralleled by ^{27b} (note אחזה || ראו, לי || לא-זר || לי) than by ^{26b} which has the *same* vb. חזה as ^{27a}. Che. (*Ebi.* 2474f):

שדי יכן תאותי
ומצדיקי אחזה אלוה:

but if the textual evidence is to be so largely disregarded, it would be easy to construct distichs in more exact parallelism. Richter instead of עורי נקפה זאת ומבשרי proposes ערבני יוקף אתי—first the *goel* takes his stand on Job's grave (v. ²⁵), thereafter (ואחר) as his surety (ערבני) lifts him up from the grave. But ^a thus becomes four stressed. יוקפני for יוקף אתי is very improbable, and so is the *beth essentie* in ובישהדי: Be.^K avoids the last objection, only by proposing an unknown form [ומישהדי].

27. [אשר אני] no change is needed; but *if* any one inclines to change, Bu. suggests אֲשֶׁר־נִי or אֲשֶׁר־נִי כִי, "Count me happy, for I shall see him for myself." אֲשֶׁר־נִי (Neubauer, Be.^{Kit.} alt.), "O my happiness!" is an unheard of form. [The parallelism is at present perfect, לי, ולא זר || לי, אני, עיני || ראו || אחזה, עיני || לי: emendations, such as אשרני, or, below, אֲלִי for לי, are improbable.]

[ראו] Bu. רָאָה, thinking the pf., especially before בלו, which refers to the present, to be intolerable. Still there are many cases of the perfect "of certitude" being used to express the future (Dr. 14).

[ולא זר] the waw is perhaps a dittograph; זר, pf., or part. negated by לא (*BDB* 519b): Job's acquaintances are estranged זרו (v. ¹³): God will be seen not to be so: similarly Job's brethren have gone מִעָלַי (*ib.*); God is לִי.]

[כלו כליתי בחקי] Wr. כָּלוּ כָּלִיתִי בְּחָקִי, "I am utterly exhausted in my appointed time (14^{5.13})"; Klo. כָּלוּ כָּלִיתִי, "I shut up" (from כָּלָה by G-K. 7599),—both extraordinary.

28. [לו] the *nota accus.*; cf. on 5². (In Jg. 7²⁵ rd. את־מרדן אל־מרדן).

[בי] In *ff* there is a change from the direct (^a) to the indirect narration (^b), "and *that* the root of the matter is found in me" (without כי, as Gn. 12¹³ 41^{15b}, Jb. 35^{3a. 14} etc.; G-K. 157a (*a*)); but the continuation by the direct narrative is much

more forcible, and some 100 MSS, Θ Ψ read בָּ; so Mich. Wr. Sgf. Be. Bu. Klo. Du.

29. גִּוְרוֹ לָכֶם | The לָ is prob. reflexive (*Lex.* 516a); לָכֶם is hardly strong enough to express the emphatic "for yourselves" (which would be rather לַנַּפְשֵׁיכֶם or לַנַּפְשֵׁיכֶם; cf. Jos. 9^{24b} וַיִּרְא לַנַּפְשֵׁיכֶם).

Qrē [כִּי חֲמָה עֲוֹנוֹת חָרַב^c לְמַעַן תִּדְעוּן שְׁדִין (שְׁדִין) Θ θυμὸς γὰρ ἐπ' ἀνόμους ἐπελεύσεται, καὶ τότε γνώσονται ποῦ ἔστιν αὐτῶν ἡ ὕλη (ἡ ὕλη, perhaps as though thinking of שְׁדִין; cf. 29⁵ ὅτε ἡμην ὑλωδὴς λίαν = עֲמִידִי (שְׁדִין); for ποῦ κτλ., ^A ὅτι οὐδαμοῦ αὐτῶν ἡ ἰσχὺς ἔστιν (thinking of שְׁדִין); S quoniam ultor iniquitatum gladius est; for ^c ἈΣΘ ὅπως γινώτε ὅτι (ἔστι) κρίσις: so S לְמַעַן לְמַעַן, U esse iudicium, Saad.; Ψ for ^c מִן בְּגִלְלֵי דְחַתְּנָדְעִין, "that ye may know that the lord of judgement is a truthful judge." In ^b Ges. Di.¹ Bu. read חָמָה for חֲמָה ("for they—i.e. such slanders—are iniquities of (worthy of punishment by) the sword"); Di. כִּי נִקְמַת עֲוֹנוֹת חָרַב (for the sword avengeth iniquities); Sgf. כִּי חֲמָה בְּעֵלִים חָבָא (after Θ; but it is doubtful if ἀνόμους is more than a paraphrase); Du. כִּי חֲמָה עֲוֹלָם תַּחֲרַב (חָרַב, though usually said of lands, cities, etc., is at least used of nations in 2 K. 19¹⁷, Is. 60¹²). In ^c, for שְׁדִין, Hi. לְחַבֵּן; Sgf. כִּי שְׁדִין (sc. the עֲוֹלָם of ^b); Ew. Reuss, Wr. Di. Be. שְׁדִין; Bu. לְמַעַן תִּדְעוּן שְׁדִין ("that there is a judge"); so Klo. (דִּין, as 1 S. 24¹⁶, Ps. 68⁶ †; שֵׁשׁ, with some emph., 12 times in Job, e.g., 11¹⁸ 14⁷). De. and most agree with ἈΣΘ ΣΨ (= Kt.), Rabb., and EVV. ("that ye may know there is a judgement") in taking שֶׁ as the rel. particle שֶׁ (usually שֶׁ, but שֶׁ, Gn. 6³ (?), Jg. 5^{7.7}, Ca. 1⁷ †) = *that*, as often in Qoh. (*Lex.* שֶׁ. 3). and דִּין, as the subst. *judgement*. שֶׁ, however (on its occurrences, see *Lex.* 979), does not occur elsewhere in Job; דִּין occurs in the Elihu speeches (35¹⁴ 36^{17.17}; 36³¹, the verb), but neither the noun nor the vb. is found elsewhere in Job; and שֶׁ is desiderated.

CHAPTER XX.

2. לָכֵן] *Therefore*—on account, viz. of what Job has said $\text{עַל כֵּן} \text{ οὕτως}$, as though לָכֵן stood for לֹא-כֵן (so, but needlessly, Me. Bi. Sgf. Be.), as often in the historical books (Gn. 4¹⁵ 30¹⁵, Jg. 8⁷ 11⁸ *al.*), not perceiving that in such cases *therefore* introduces an answer to a remark, or objection, made by another (*Lex.* 487a; Dr. on 1 S. 3¹⁴ 28²).

שַׁעֲפִי] see on 4¹³.

יִשְׁבֹּנִי] *answer me*: lit. *turn me back* (sc. with a word; see on 13²²), *answer me*, in the sense of *do not allow me to be silent*, is certainly weak; hence Du., cleverly, יִרְהִיבֵנִי, *bestürmen mich, disturb me*; cf. Ca. 6⁵, Oettli, Buhl (v. *Lex.*); and וַיִּשְׁבֹּן, in Peil ptc. = *disturbed* (Mk. 5³⁸ = $\thetaόρυβον$, and Lk. 10⁴¹ $\thetaορυβάξῃ$); but usually in the sense of either *alarmed* or *hastening* (so Ethp. *be alarmed*; Af. to *hasten* (trans.) or *alarm*; v. PS.).

וְיַעֲבֹר רֹגִי] rd. וְיַעֲבֹר זֶמְרִי (Bi.¹ Be.^K Du.; Di. inclines) or זֶמְרִי (Ex. 13⁸); perhaps (Bu.) even וְיַעֲבֹרָה would be sufficient (כֵּן *עבור* never occurs).

הוֹשִׁי בִי] “is my haste—my impetuosity, eagerness—(active) within me.” Del. *my feeling*, i.e. *my emotion*, deriving the word not from הוֹשִׁי, to *hasten*, but from הוֹשִׁי, הָיִשׁ (= Arab. *ḥassa*, to *feel, perceive* by the senses), in Aram. and NH. (see Levy, *ChWB*, *NHNB*, s.vv.), to *feel*, in various *nuances*, sometimes to *be anxious*, but mostly to *feel pain*, to *suffer* (in OT. once, Qoh. 2²⁵ (so rd.), וְיִחְשֶׁה חוּץ מִמֶּנִּי, and who can *feel* (here suggesting *have pleasure*) apart from him? Syr. ܡܬܥܬܝܢܐ , *passus est, doluit, contristatus est* (PS. 1389 f.), ܡܬܥܬܝܢܐ , *suffering*, often for $\piάθημα$, as Heb. 2⁹, also of grief, sadness, etc.; in a more neutral sense, of an *affection* of the mind in

general, as of desire, $\text{לֵבִי יִרְחֹט} = \pi\acute{\alpha}\theta\omicron\varsigma \epsilon\pi\iota\theta\upsilon\mu\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma$, 1 Th. 4⁵ (ib. 1391). Probably therefore חֲשִׁי (? חֲשִׁי , חֲשִׁי) might in Heb. have been used to denote the general feeling of *emotion*. Be.^K יִרְחֹט לִבִּי (Ps. 45²), *is* my heart *astir*; [Richter, אָבן for לָבָן in ^a, and for יִרְחֹט לִבִּי ^b; $\text{וּכְעַב יִרְחֹט לִבִּי}$; but this, though the changes are slight, requires too elaborate a defence to be probable].

3b. But a spirit answers me out of my understanding, *i.e.* a higher spirit (32⁸), speaking in, and out of, my understanding, teaches me what the value of Job's protestations is (so Del. Di.). It is objected that this interpretation of מְבִינִי makes Zophar's own understanding the source of his higher inspiration; hence Hi. Bu., "And wind, (arising) out of my understanding, answers me," *i.e.* the "understanding," or instruction, which I give Job, instead of bringing him wisdom, resolves itself in his mouth into mere wind (cf. "wind," 8² 15² 16³). Du. Be.^K (after $\text{Ὁ, ἐκ τῆς συνέσεως}$ —without μου) מְבִינִי , and with wind *void of understanding*, thou answerest me (תַּעֲנֵנִי).

[רוּחַ] is frequently masc. (agst. Strahan): 4¹⁵ 8² 41⁸, Ps. 51¹² 78³⁹, Is. 57^{13, 16}.

4. "Dost thou know this (as being) from of old, since the placing of man upon the earth, that . . . ?" *i.e.* Of course thou knowest it! (cf. *Lex.* 210a). There is no occasion to read הָלָא (Sgf. Du.). Ὁ μὴ (not οὐ) presupposes הָ , not הָלָא . As usually understood, מִנִּי עַד וְנֹה is connected not with יָדַעַת (for no man could know this from the creation) but (as rendered) with זֶמֶן , as a secondary predicate (so De. Hi. Di.). Bu., thinking this construction awkward, construes differently, supposing the question to be a mocking one, Hast thou this fine windy knowledge (v.^{3b}) from the time of creation? (comp. the question of Eliphaz in 15⁷), and rendering כִּי in v.⁵ not by *That*, but (exactly as in 22^{2b} after 22^{2a}) *Nay*.

[מִנִּי] see on 6¹⁶.

[עַד] of *past* time, as Hab. 3⁶ †.

[שִׁים] inf., with indef. subj., as 13⁹. The inf. of שָׁם (Nöld. *Beiträge*, i. 39) is usually שָׁם, שָׁם elsewhere only Is 10⁶ Kt, 2 S. 14⁷ Qrê.

5. מִקְרוֹב] *recent*; lit. *from what is near*, i.e. *the near* (past); so Dt. 32¹⁷ (EVV. *of late*).

6. שִׂא] שִׂא, if correct, will be an anomalous form for נִשִּׂא, with elision of נ, from √ נִשֵּׂא (Kö. ii. 145); cf. בִּילִי, Is. 32⁵, for נִבִּילִי (Kö. ii. 118). Perhaps שִׂאָהוּ (13¹¹ 31²³) should be read (the masc. יַעֲלֶה, then by G-K. 1450). Ἐ αὐτοῦ τὰ δῶρα (!), thinking of שִׂי; cf. Ps. 68³⁰ 76¹² Ἐ (Be.).

7. בְּגִלְלוֹ] בְּגִלְלִים, Zeph. 1¹⁷; בְּגִלְלִי, Ezk. 4¹². 15 †; הַגִּלְלִי, 1 K. 14¹⁰ †. Lit. *globulus stercoris*; cf. גִּלְלָא; Arab. *jillat*^{an}, *jallat*^{an}. The sg. would be גִּל; cf. צִלְלוֹ, 40²², צִלְלִי, from צַל (Kö. ii. 43; G-K. 93aa, bb).

8. יִמְצְאֵהוּ] [construction as 4¹⁹ (see n. there); Ἐ εὐρεθῆν, whence Bi. Be. נִמְצָא,—doubtful, though rhythmically easier].

יָדָר] *is chased away*. The pass. of יָנַחַו, 18¹⁸. Ἐ (ἐπιτηδὲ) Ὡ express יָדָר (cf. Gn. 31⁴⁰, of sleep); but יָדָר is pointed as Hof. to denote the unwillingness of his disappearance.

9. שׁוֹפְתּוֹ] 28⁷, Ca. 1⁶ †. Without parallel in the cognate languages.

תְּשׁוּרְנִי] מָקוֹם is so constantly masc., that in the three exceptions the text can hardly be right. Here יְשׁוּרְנִי can easily be read; the fem. may well be a copyist's error due to the preceding הוֹסִיף (so Di. Be. Bu.). In Gn. 18²⁴ בְּקִרְבָּהּ may well be the original reading; and in 2 S. 17¹² בְּאֶחָת הַמְּקוֹמוֹת אחת, אחת is probably due to the fem. termination of המקומות.

10. בְּנֵי יִרְצוּ דָלִים] (1) רָצָה is to *be pleased with*, *be favourable to*; hence רָצָה will be to *make favourable*, *conciliate*; so, I.E. (כִּי בְנֵי יוֹעֲרָבוּ לְרִצּוֹת הַדָּלִים שְׁנוּל), Ges. *Thes.* 1306b, Schl. De. Di.: the sons will be forced to court the favour of the poor (whom, viz., their father had plundered). (2) The Vrss. all see רָצִין in יִרְצוּ: thus Ἐ τοὺς υἱοὺς αὐτοῦ ὀλέσασαισαν (as Rosenm. saw, a corruption of cod.^A θλάσ(ε)ιαν: θλάω for רָצִין, as v.¹⁹, Jg. 10⁸, 1 S. 12⁴ al.; Be.) ἡττονες: the order of words, emphasizing the object, as 5² 14¹⁹ 15³⁰, Ps. 11^{5b} 139¹⁶ etc. (Dr. 208. 1). (3) Ὡ His children are broken in poverty; Υ Fili eius atterentur egestate, i.e. יִרְצִי (Nif.); so—though naturally discarding the ungrammatical “in poverty”—Hi. his children are

crushed into poor ones (*verkümmern zu Bettlern*)—accus. of the product (G-K. 117*ii*); Bu. his children are oppressed *as* poor ones (G-K. 118*u*), but in this case (Du.) דלים seems superfluous. Du. regards ^{10a} as a variant of ¹⁹, and ^{10b} as a gloss on ¹⁸.

יוריו תשבנה אונו] reverting to the lifetime of the wicked man, and explaining why his sons are impoverished (^a): he had to give back the wealth which he had wrongfully gotten to its owners. Hrzs. Del. al., to avoid this awkward return to the past, suppose the meaning to be that he gives back his ill-gotten wealth through the hands of his children; but this is unnatural. Bu. would read either יוריהם or ישיבו וילדיו—ישיבו being corrected into תשבנה after יוריו had become חסד, *strength* (18⁷) = *wealth*, as Hos. 12⁹; cf. חיל, *strength*, also often = *substance, wealth*, as v. ¹⁵.

II. עלומיו] 33²⁵, Ps. 89⁴⁶, Is. 54^{4†}; here = *youthful vigour*, cognate with עלם (1 S. 17⁵⁰), עלמה; Arab. غلم, *young man*, from غلَم, *to be excited by lust*.

תשבב] viz. (Ew. Di. De. Bu. Du.) עלמיו: the fem. as 12⁷ etc. (G-K. 145^k); cf. Ps. 103⁵ נעורכי התחדש כנשר נעורכי.

12. תמתיק] *sheweth sweetness* (G-K. 53*d*), or *groweth sweet* (*ib. e*; Ew. § 122*c*) *dulcescere*; see 14⁸ n.

14. נהפך] pf. in pause. The bare pf., introducing the apod., expresses the suddenness of the change (Dr. 136*γ*).

15. חיל בלע וג'] a change of expression, for the sake of vividness: the pf. sets the scene before the reader as completed; and the וי' expresses the natural consequence of בלע (Dr. 80).

ירשנו] properly, *to make* (others) *inherit* = *to dispossess*: usually of *dispossessing* the nations of Canaan, Dt. 4³⁸ 9^{4.5} etc.; hence here fig. *expel*. Ἐξ οἰκίας αὐτοῦ (מביתו) ἐξελεύσεται αὐτὸν ἄγγελος,—a euphemistic paraphrase for אל.

17. אל] either a strong negative, *Never can he . . . !* (*Nicht darf er . . . !* Di.; cf. G-K. 108*e*), or the poet's feeling leading him to pass from the description of facts (which is what the context logically requires) to the expression of what

he *wishes* may be the fate of the wicked man (Dr. 82). Observe that ע has optatives in vv. ^{10a}, b. 15 (c), 16, 23b, c, 24b, 25, 26a, c, 27, 28; cf. on 18¹².

פלגות] in the sense *canals* only here; elsewhere פְּלָג, פְּלָגִים (29⁶ פְּלָגֵי שֶׁמֶן; Ps. 1³ al.).

נהרי נחלי דבש] There are parallels for the suspended *st. c.*, e.g. 1 S. 28⁷ אֵשֶׁת בַּעֲלַת אוֹב, Jer. 46⁹ הַפִּיִּי דְרָכֵי קִשֶׁת (G-K. 130c); but Hupf. Me. Di. al. have conjectured that one of the two synonyms, most probably נהרי, was either a gloss on the other, or (Bu.) a dittograph. בפלגות יצהר (Klo.) is, however, a very probable conjecture [yielding the normal rhythm (3:3), instead of the questionable rhythm of פֶּלַג, or פֶּלַג with a word omitted, and a superior parallelism].

18a. ולא! introducing the pred., as 23¹² 25⁵, Is. 57^{12b}, Ps. 115⁷ (Dr. 124); but יָנַע occurs nowhere else, and a sf. is desiderated: rd. prob. (Bu.) יָנַעוּ (יָנַע, as 10³ 39^{11, 16}). ולא in ^b is similar; but here also the ! might well be dittographed from חמורחו. ע for משיב ינע has εἰς κενὰ καὶ μάταια ἐκοπίαςαν, as though יָנַע בָּשׂוּ. Du. מִשְׁךְ יִנַּע וְלֹא יִבְלִיגַּח חֲמֹרָחוֹ. He increaseth (?; Du. compares מִשְׁךְ חֲסֵד, to *draw out, extend, prolong*, kindness; but this is hardly parallel) the product of his labour, and doth not brighten up (9²⁷ 10²⁰), That which he gaineth by exchange, and rejoiceth not. Bu. in ^b בחילו, i.e. according to his substance, so is that which he gaineth by exchange, he cannot rejoice.

יעלם] עלם (not עלו or עלץ), as 39¹³, Pr. 7¹⁸ †.

19. רצץ] Piel: Ps. 74¹⁴ lit. (אֶחָד רָצַץ רֹאשִׁי לִיתֵּן); 2 Ch. 16¹⁰ metaph. (וַיִּרְצֹץ מִן הָעַם) †.

עוב] Du. עֶצֶב, “Verdienst” (rather, as Hfm., *saucer Erwerb* (the product of) *painful toil*, cf. Pr. 5¹⁰, Ps. 127² לָחֶם עֶצְבִּים); but this does not suit רצץ. Be.^K (“perhaps”) זָרַע (cf. 22^{9b}). [For the asyndeton in פֶּלַג, cf. 29⁸; Kön. iii. 370h. Yet the vb. עוב after רצץ seems anti-climactic.]

בית וג' he *hath seized* a house, and *goeth not on to build it* = if he seizeth a house, he will not build it (i.e., through being impoverished, will be unable to renovate it, add to it, and otherwise fit it for his own use; so Ew. Me. Di. Del. Bu.; cf.

for the tenses, Ps. 103¹⁶ (De.). Hi. al. he seized a house, *and built it not* (= instead of building himself one): but the impf. is against this; for though the impf., where separated from ׀ cons., is, as Hi. remarks, not unfrequently retained (2 S. 2²⁵, Jos. 15⁶³, Dt. 2¹² al.), yet it must in these cases possess its frequentative force, which after נָל would be unsuitable (see Dr. 85, *Obs.* with *n.* 1; and cf. 42β). Du. בֵּית נָל לֹא בָנָהי, he seizeth a house, which he *had not built*; cf. *U* et non ædificavit eam.

גָּזַל] construed with both acc. pers. (= *rob*) and acc. rei (= *take violently away*).

20. יָשָׁלוּ 16¹² and elsewhere an *adj.*: rd. יְשֻׁלָּה (Sgf. Bu.), *ease, quietness, prosperity*, e.g. Pr. 17¹ טוֹב פֶּת חֲרָבָה וְיְשֻׁלָּה בָּהּ. Bu., doubting בִּנְטָנוּ, proposes בָּטָנוּ שְׁלוֹה לֹא יָדַע שְׁלוֹה בָּטָנוּ being the subj., the masc. יָדַע by G-K. 1450. Ἐ οὐκ ἔστω αὐτοῦ σωτηρία τοῖς ὑπάρχουσιν, whence Me. כִּי לֹא יֵשַׁע לוֹ בְּטָבוֹ (rather בְּטִיבוֹ, the pl. מְבִים not occurring); Du. לֹא יְשֻׁלוּ בְּמִטְמֵנוּ, hath no quietness in his treasure (Gn. 43²³).

יְחַמְדוּ] *his valued possessions*. The pass. ptcpp. of חָמַד, and derivatives, denote not so much what one *delights in* (EVV.), as what is *desired* or *coveted*, sometimes on account of its attractiveness (Ps. 39¹², Is 44⁹), sometimes, in particular, on account of its value; hence the idea which they suggest in the latter case is that of *precious*; cf. Pr. 21²⁰ אוֹצֵר נְחָמִיד = *costly treasure*; מְחַמְדִּים, *precious things, valuables*, Hos. 9⁶; בְּלִי חֲמֻדָּה, *precious things*, Hos. 13¹⁵, Nah. 2¹⁰⁽⁹⁾. EVV. *pleasant* does not express the real meaning of the Heb.

יִמְלֹט] The Pi. is transitive (in Am. 2^{15a} either the obj. to יִמְלֹט follows in נִפְשׁוֹ, or יִמְלֹט must be read): it is too much to supply נִפְשׁוֹ (Du.): read therefore יִמְלֹט (Sgf. Be. Bu.). Ἐ(Θ)ΣΤ all render by a passive. EVV. “shall not save aught of . . .” would be יִמְלֹט לֹא יִמְלֹט.

21. לֹא אָכַל] *his eating*,—not from אָכַל, but from the inf. אֵכָל.

יָחִיל] *is strong*, and so *firm, stable*; so Ps. 10⁵ †. From חֵיל, the √ of חָיַל, *strength*, hence *capability, wealth*, etc. (*Lex.*

298b). The same $\sqrt{\text{ }}$ is found in Aram., in the Pael חיל, to *strengthen*, and in Eth. *hēla*, *hayala*, to *be strong*.

22. במלאות] G-K. 74^h; cf. 75^{oo}, qq.

שָׁפַק] from שָׁפַק †; the verb שָׁפַק, 1 K. 20¹⁰ † (c. 36¹⁸ is doubtful). The $\sqrt{\text{ }}$ is common in Aram.

עָמַל] as 3²⁰. The word is, of course, collective: Du.'s argument that we must read עָמַל with $\mathfrak{C}$ ($\pi\acute{\alpha}\sigma\alpha$ δὲ ἀνάγκη; cf. $\mathfrak{F}$ *omnis dolor*), "because otherwise we should have had עָמַלִים," is not sound. Bu. also reads עָמַל (though not on Du.'s ground), thinking that $\mathfrak{M}$ "hardly yields a possible sense," and that the "hand," implying the personification of עָמַל (cf. קִירִי חָרַב, 5²⁰ etc.), led to the false punctuation עָמַל. But the change is not needed. עָלָה $\mathfrak{S}$.

23. יִרְיֵי וְג'] Difficult. (1) Ew. 345^b, end; Del. "It will be, in order to fill his belly, that He (God) will send," etc. (analogous to 2 K. 17²⁵ וְיִשְׁלַח . . . יְיָ, in past time, Del.); but *it will be*, in spite of 18¹² (see note there), implies יִהְיֶה: יִהִי can only mean *may it be* . . . , and, if original, must indicate (cf. on v. 17 אֵל) that the poet's feeling leads him to express the *wish* that such may be the fate of the ungodly. (2) Di., regarding (1) as in poetry heavy, says that it "seems preferable" to subordinate יִהִי to יִשְׁלַח, and renders, "that it (his anger) may serve to fill his belly, he must send his anger," etc.; this rendering gives יִהִי its proper force, but the inversion is unnatural. (3) May he (the wicked man) be *for one* (הַמְּמַלֵּא; cf. on 3²⁰) *to fill* (= that one may fill) his belly! May He (God) send, etc.; or reading יִהְיֶה for יִהִי, He will be (or He is,—freq., like the other impff. in the ch.) for one to fill his belly; He will send (or He sends), etc. (cf. Hi.). (4) Da. His belly shall be filled! (rather, with $\mathfrak{M}$, may his belly be filled!), lit. *be for filling*, לֵיהִי לֵ: Dr. § 203: the masc. verb by G-K. 145^o. (5) Wr. Bu. יִהְיֶה for יִהִי: Yahweh, that He may fill his belly, sends, etc.; but יִהְיֶה is so studiously avoided in the dialogue (only in 12⁹), that to assume it here is questionable; nor is the subordination of לֵמַלֵּא בִטְנוֹ, though perfectly grammatical, quite in the style of poetry. (6) $\mathfrak{C}$ om. יִהִי לֵמַלֵּא בִטְנוֹ: so Me. Bi. Be., as a gloss on גִּלְחָמוֹ, Du. as a gloss on 22^a (?). [An alternative is

to regard these words as the corrupt fragment of a distich that mentioned God; at present these difficult words make v.²³ a tristich; and God, who must be the subj. of ^{23b.c}, is not mentioned.] We may acquiesce in (3) or (4).

וַיִּמְטֵר] unless יהי be kept as a real jussive, rd. either וַיִּמְטֵר or וַיִּמְטֵר.

עֲלֵימוֹ if correct, *must* be here (notice בלחמוֹ) an anom. sing. for עָלָיו (which Me. Sgf. Bi. Di. Du. St. would in each case restore, and which, at least here and 27²³, might easily have become עֲלֵימוֹ from the end of the following word); cf. 22² 27²³, Ps. 11⁷; G-K. 103*f*, n. The form, as a sg., is very much against analogy; but it has been supposed to be supported by a Phœn. sing. sf. in ם— (Stade, § 345*c*, who would read עָלִים; Kö. ii. 44*b*, with references); the existence of this is, however, doubted by others (cf. Lidzb. p. 395*f*; Cooke, *NSI*, on 42⁵).

בלחמוֹ, as Zeph. 1¹⁷ †: if correct, = Arab. *lahm*, *flesh*, pl. *luḥūm* (I.E. בבשרו; and G Zeph. 1¹⁷ τὰς σάρκας αὐτῶν ὡς βόλβιτα): so Hi. De. “into his flesh.” Di. Bu. בלחמוֹ, and raineth *His bread* (or *food*) upon him, *i.e.* sends upon him a rain, not of manna (Ex. 16⁴, Ps. 78²⁴), but of destruction: the ב as 16^{4.10}. Or, as this use of ב is not very probable with ימטר, ב may be the *Beth essentie* (*Lex.* 88*b*), and raineth it (his anger) upon him *as* his bread (or food); so RVm. G ὀδύνas; whence Me. Sgf. Klo. חָבִלִים (usually in G ὀδύνes: see also on 21²³). Schwally בקָהָה (= ὀδύνai, 18¹¹ 27²⁰ 30¹⁵), Bi. בִּלְהוֹת, Be. פָּחַם, “coals,” “obliterating Zophar’s characteristic, and therefore certainly original, figure” (Bu.). Du. (omitting ^a), “perhaps the author wrote simply וַיִּמְטֵר עָלָיו חֲמָתוֹ.”

24. [תחלפהו] חלף, to *pass quickly* (9²⁶) *through* = to *strike through*, *pierce*; so Jg. 5²⁶ רָקְחוּ וַחֲלַפָהּ.

25. [גְּיָה] by these who retain גַּי, † גְּיָה is taken as a || *fem.* form to גֵּי; but “his” is needed: read certainly גֵּיָה, *his back* (גַּיָּה). The accents in ordinary editions connect יהלך with ממרתו (so EVV.); but this leaves עָלָיו אֵמִים a very short and abrupt clause: and some MSS read, no doubt correctly, ממרתו (Wickes, *Poet. Accents*, p. 37). Di. He draws it forth (יִלְךָ, as

Jg. 3²²), and it cometh out of the [rd. *his*] back, and the glittering point goeth out from his gall: terrors (*i.e.* death-terrors) are upon him; Hi. De. Bu. . . . and the glittering point from his gall; terrors come (Me. as G-K. 1450; Sgf. Be.; better, יִהְלְכוּ) upon him,—but for this יבאו (Di.) would be the proper word, not יהלך or יהלכו; Du. וברק (so Sgf. Be.) יצא שֶׁלֶחַ מִנֶּחֱוֹה (for ^a cf. Ἐ διεξέλθοι δὲ διὰ σώματος αὐτοῦ βέλος: שֶׁלֶחַ, as Jl. 2⁸ al.; but Be.^K שֶׁלֶחַ = Syr. ܫܠܚܐ, a *knife without a handle*, PS. 4197 (but only in lexx.; cf. ܫܠܚܐ, the *blade* of a knife, *ib.*): for יהפכו, cf. 1 S. 4¹⁹, Dn. 10¹⁶, c. 30¹⁵ בְּלָחוֹת עָלָיו הִהָפְפוּ; הִהָפְפוּ for יהפכו is idiomatic and probable). [Richter: שֶׁלֶחַ יוצא מנוה ובקרב מררתו יהלך, weapons—though he pull (one) out of the back, yet (another) pierces deep into his gall—making the thought and construction similar to v.²⁴ (11), and in this respect, perhaps, the emendation is on the right lines; but against מנוה and יהלך, see above.]

26. [טמון] *is to hide* (cf. כְּטִמּוֹן, 3²¹); only here in the sense of *reserve for* (which is usually expressed by צֶפֶן).

[תאכלהו] Very anomalous. Acc. to De. a shortened Po'el form for תֹּאכְלֶהּ (cf. תִּרְצָחוּ, Ps. 62⁴; מְלִי־שֵׁנִי, 101⁵ Qrê—מְלִי־שֵׁנִי, Kt. better); but the Po'el of אכל occurs nowhere else, the ך is anomalous, and in Ps. 62⁴ the pointing תִּרְצָחוּ is to be preferred: rd. therefore simply תֹּאכְלֶהּ (Di., G-K. 68f, Bu. Du.).

[לא נפח] suggesting, or hinting at, some other mode of kindling (*viz.* from heaven); see *Lex.* 518b, *bottom*; cf. 34²⁰, Dn. 2³⁴.

[נִפַּח] “Before אֲשֶׁר, לא נִפַּח as an acc. must be supplied, as though *ignis, quem non sufflatus est*; cf. *e.g.* Gn. 35²⁶, Is. 14³” (Hi.). Cf. 22⁹; and see G-K. 121a, b. Du. לא נִפְחָה, which *hath not been blown*,—the normal construction.

[יִרְעַה] jussive Qal of רָעָה, *graze on*, fig. for *consume*; cf. Jer. 22²² בְּלִירְעָה תִּרְעָה רוּחַ. To avoid the masc. subj. after the fem. האכלהו (though see G-K. 145t), Ol. Hfm. Di. Sgf. Bu. יִרְעַ (apoc. impf. Nif.), *is grazed on*; but the pass. does not read naturally. III. יִרְעַ (from רָעַע, *fares ill* (cf. Jer. 11¹⁶ הִלִּיתִי); but this (Di.) is weak. Du. objects to the fig. to *graze on*,

and to שִׁירִי, in a neuter sense (see, however, v.²¹), and “in default of anything better” proposes שִׁיר שִׁיר, *the waster* (15²¹) *stirs himself up* against his tent. Be.^K יִדְעָה שָׁבִיב (18⁵).

27. [מִתְקוֹרֵי מִלְרָא] *milra'*, the *Sinnorith* merely marking the open syllable before the *mêrkha* (Wickes, *Poet. Acc.* 69; cf. Ps. 1² וְלִיָּהּ וְלִיָּהּ). The fem. מִתְקוֹמִיָּה is anomalous (Stade, § 290): we should expect מִתְקוֹמִיָּה; cf. מִתְנַבֵּחַ, Dt. 32³⁷, cited by De., is not parallel; for (1) the tone here is *milra'* not *mîl'el*, and (2) the — in הִפְיִי is regular, G-K. 75^u).

28. [וְיָגַל] on the juss. form, see on 18¹².

יְבוֹל elsewhere (12 times) always of the *produce* of the earth (e.g. Lv. 26⁴ וּנְתַנָּה הָאָרֶץ יְבוֹלָה, or specifically of the produce of the vine (Hab. 3¹⁷ וְאֵין יְבוֹל בְּנַפְתִּים; here, if correct, of the *acquired possessions* of his house).

נִגְרָוֶת (as) things *dragged away* (from נָגַר, Pr. 21⁷, of fish in a net, Hab. 1¹⁵; in ט for סָחַב, Jer. 15³ al.),—or (so most) *poured away* (from נָגַר, 2 S. 14¹⁴ בְּמֵיִם הַנִּגְרִים אֲרָצָה, Mic. 1⁴ בְּמֵיִם בְּנָגִירִים),—in the day of his anger. נִגְרָוֶת is an accus. defining the state (G-K. 118ⁿ); EVV. “(His goods) shall flow away,” etc., is a monstrous and impossible translation. For יָגַל Ew. Me. read יָגַל, *rolleth away* (like a stream, Am. 5²⁴), as more congruous with the fig. in ^b (“poured away”). Ἐέλκυσαι τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἀπωλῖα εἰς τέλος, ἡμέρα ὀργῆς ἐπέλθου αὐτῷ, whence Be. יָגַל יְבוֹל בֵּיתוֹ וְנָגַר אֹתוֹ בְּיוֹם אָפּוֹ, The stream (Is. 30²⁵ 44⁴ †) *rolleth* his house along, And washeth it away in the day of his anger [but נָגַר אֹתוֹ for נָגַר is very questionable; cf. 19²⁶ n. end]: Du. יָגַר בְּלִי בֵיתוֹ מְנַעֶרֶת בְּיוֹם אָפּוֹ, Destruction carrieth away his house, The rebuke (Dt. 28²⁰) in the day of his anger; but Is. 38¹⁷ יִשְׁחַת בְּלִי, pit of *wearing away* (i.e. destruction—of Sheol) scarcely justifies the proposed use of בְּלִי here. Bu. adheres to נָגַר, though allowing that the pl. נִגְרָוֶת (for נָגַר pt., or נָגַר pf., referring to בֵּיתוֹ) is strange.

אֶדֶם [unnecessary, and rhythmically redundant].

29. [נַחֲלַת אֲמִירוֹ] his heritage of appointment = his appointed heritage (G-K. 135ⁿ); cf. וְלָהֶם אָמַר לוֹ, 1 K. 11¹⁸. Be. עָרִין (cf. 27^{13b}); Ἐπαρχόντων αὐτῷ = אֹנוֹ (from אָן, v.¹⁰), whence Du. אֹנוֹ, *his naughtiness* (from אָן, 4⁸ etc.).

CHAPTER XXI.

2. [שמעו שמוע מלתי] as 13¹⁷.

[תנחומיתכם] & & (Υ agite pœnitentiam), Du. תנחומיתכם; but the Vss. would hardly have rendered by a plu., even if they had read it.

3. [שאוני] *bear with me*: an unusual nuance; the other examples grouped under *ze* in *Lex.* (p. 671a), such as Jer. 15¹⁵ 31¹⁹, Ps. 55¹³ with acc. rei, are different.]

[תלעיג] & Ol. Me. Sgf. Bi. Be. Du. תלעיג; but the reference may be more particularly to Zophar (Bu., who compares the sg. in 16³ between plurals in ¹ and ⁴). For ^b & has εἶτα οὐ καταγελάσατέ μου, paraphrasing: in & Job speaks defiantly, for he knows Zophar will not mock; & states explicitly what is in Job's mind. Me. (after &) ואחר דברי לא תלעיגו, Sgf. ואז לא תלעיגו, Du. ואחר לא תלעיגו — all as violent as they are unnecessary.

4. [האנכי] prefixed for emph. (G-K. 143a; Dr. 197. 4; cf. Gn. 24²⁷ יהוה נחני בדרך אנכי, 49⁸): whatever may be the case with others, *my* complaint is not of man. So Du. *Ja ich, gilt Menschen meine Klage?* Be. האנכי (Nu. 22³⁷, 1 K. 8²⁷, Ps. 58²).

5. [השמו] for the pathah, see G-K. 67v; cf. הַשְׁמוּ, 1 S. 5^{9, 10}. If correct, an "inwardly transitive" Hif. (G-K. 53d), "*show* appalment," though elsewhere הִשִּׁים is always trans., except Ezk. 3¹⁵ מִשְׁמִים . . . וַאֲשַׁב יָשָׁם (where, however, מִשְׁמִים, 2 S. 13²⁰, or מִשְׁמִים, Ezr. 9^{3, 4}, could easily be read). As Bu. observes, to have the Qal הִשְׁמוּ, 17⁸, the Nif. נִשְׁמוּ, 18²⁰, and here the Hif., with the same force in one and the same book, is rather strange; hence he would point all as Nif. The pf., however, occurs (often) in *both* Qal and Nif.; the impf. is *always* pointed as Qal, so 17⁸ had better remain as it is; but

sense) “*neque efficit ut ejiciat* (semen)”: cf. NH. הנעיל, to *rinse* a vessel from dirt or impurity with hot water (*‘Abodah sarah*, 70a, מְנַעֵילוּ בְרוֹחִין, one *rinses it* (properly, “causes it to abhor and reject (its dirt),” *ausstossen machen*, Del.) with boiling water (cf. *NHNB* i. 350f.). Whether הנעיל had acquired this specialized sense when the book of Job was written, we do not know: it is safer to acquiesce in one of the renderings given above. מְבַטֵּן, *imprægnans* (Del.).

וְתִמְלֵט lit. *maketh to escape*, i.e. bringeth forth. Cf. ותִּמְלֵט, Is. 34¹⁵; הַמְלִיטָה, 667.

11. עוֹלִי יְהוָה see on 19¹⁸.

12. יִשְׂאוּ sc. קול, as Is. 37 42². 11.

בְּתֶרֶף so H, Baer (p. 46), Ginsburg; בְּתֶרֶף, c. 30 MSS, Θ (ἀναλαμβάνοντες ψαλτήριον) ΣΤΥ (tenent tympanum). ‘ב is *with* (= to the accompaniment of), cf. Ps. 49⁵: ‘ב, will be *according to*, with no appreciable difference in meaning.

לִלְקוֹל ל = *at*, or here (as we should say) *to*, as Hab. 3¹⁶, Qoh. 12⁴, Nu. 16³⁴ (*Lex*. 516b, j, end).

13. בָּלָה יִבְלֹו is to *wear out* (intrans.), especially of garments (Dt. 8⁴ al.); בָּלָה is to *wear out* (trans.), as La. 3⁴ בָּלָה (ומעשה ידיהם יִבְלֹו) 65²² (ומעשה ידיהם יִבְלֹו) it has been supposed to mean to *wear out by use, use to the full, enjoy*. But it is unlikely that a verb meaning to *wear out* would come to be used in this good sense; and it is better (Du. Be.) in both places to read יִבְלֹו, *they finish, bring to an end* (cf. Jb. 36¹¹ יִבְלֹו יְמֵיהֶם בְּטוֹב; Ps. 90⁹; Ex. 5¹³ בָּלָה מַעֲשֵׂיכֶם); so Qrê, Θ (συνετέλεσαν) ΣΤΥ (ducunt).

בְּרִגְעָה in a moment; i.e. they have a quick, painless death. Θ ἐν ἀναπαύσει, ΣΤΥ וּבְמִרְנִיעַ: whence Hfm. Be. Buhl, Du. Bu. either point בְּרִגְעָה, or take רִנֵּה in the sense of *tranquillity* (cf. הַרְנִיעַ, Jer. 31²; רִנֵּי אֶרֶץ, Ps. 35²⁰; מִרְנִיעַ, Jer. 6¹⁶; מִרְנִיעָה, Is. 28¹²).

וַיִּחְתּוּ rd. יִחְתּוּ, *go down*, the pl. of יָחַת, Pr. 17¹⁰, from יָחַת, common in Aram., only poet. in Heb.; so Σ κατέρχονται, ΣΤΥ נַחְתָּן, F. descendunt. As pointed in H, it could just be derived artificially from יָחַת by G-K. 20i; but it can be naturally only the Nif. of יָחַת, with the unsuitable sense, “unto Sheol are they affrighted.”

14. יֵאמְרוּ] *And yet they say, etc.*: the י' introducing a *contrasted* idea (Dr. 74β; cf. Gn. 19⁹ 32³¹, 2 S. 3⁸). [ἔ λέγει δέ: so ἀπ' ἐμοῦ and βούλομαι—sing. for pl. of ἔ, “to reduce the number of the godless of which v.¹⁴ speaks to a minimum” (Be.).]

15. Ἐ om. (supplied in ¹ from Θ),—no doubt on account of its blasphemous character.

16. מִנִּי in pause for מִנִּי: see on 16⁸. [The rhythm is apparently 3:4 (cf., perhaps, 4¹²⁻²⁰), which is very rare (see Gray, *Forms*, pp. 176, 181 f.): note that in 22¹⁸, where ¹ recurs, the rhythm is 4:4.]

17. כִּמְדָּה] *How often?* not an exclamation, but a question, and a sceptical one: how often does it really happen that this fate overtakes the ungodly?

חֲבָלִים] might mean (a) *cords* (to ensnare; so Del.), with reference to 18¹⁰⁻¹² (חֲבָלוֹ, in v.¹⁰), but חֲלָקִים, *distributes*, is not very suitable to “cords”; (b) *pains* (Ges. *Thes.*, Hi., EVV. *sorrows*); but the word in this sense is elsewhere used only of *birth-pangs* (Is. 13⁸ 26¹⁷ al.; Ἐ here ὠδίνες); (c) *portions* (lit. (measuring) lines, Mic. 2⁵ al., used in a fig. sense, Ps. 16⁵ (The *lines* have fallen to me in pleasant places), and often also in the derived sense of *measured portion*, or *lot* of land, Dt. 32⁹ al., here, with reference to 20²⁰, in the sense of *lots in life*, Ges. *Addenda* to *Thes.* p. 87, Ew. Di. Bu.; but “portions” alone, without any qualification, is too vague and indefinite to be probable; and Ps. 16⁵ (with נָפְלוּ לִי בִנְעִימִים and נָפְלוּ לִי) hardly justifies the use of חֲבָלִים absolutely of *lots in life*: as Du. says, it only suggests naturally portions of *land*. Lots in life would be rather חֲלָקִים, 20²⁰ 27¹³ 31², Is. 17¹⁴. Ἐ ὠδίνες δὲ ἐξουσινα αὐτοὺς ἀπὸ οὐργῆς; whence Me. Sgf. חֲבָלִים יֶאֱחָזֶם מֵאָפוֹ; but מ' is very improbable (for the frequent confusion of ב and מ between LXX and MT., see *Samuel*², p. lxvii); Du. better, חֲבָלִים יֶאֱחָזֶם בְּאָפוֹ, *Cords take hold of them in his anger* (but Du. takes אָפוֹ with the next stichos), as Bildad had maintained, 18¹⁰.

19. אֱלֹהֵי] [if retained, Job is either citing a sentiment of the friends, and it is necessary in English to prefix, with EVV.

(Ye say); see on v.¹⁶: or the v., together with v.²⁰, is still dependent on the כִּמָּה of v.¹⁷ and like that v. a sceptical question: so Be.^T. But Be.^K adopts Ley's suggestion to read אֵל for אֱלֹהִים (so also Du., who regards Gr's ἐκλίποι as a free rendering of אֱלֹהִים). The position of אֱלֹהִים before the vb. has no apparent justification, and with אֱלֹהִים the distich is rhythmically suspicious (4:3; see 17¹⁴ n.): if אֵל is read, the rhythm is normal—3:3].

20. [יִרְאוּ before the fem. עֵינָיו (G-K. 145*p*).

כִּידֹר †] if correct, *craft*: cf. Arab. *kāda*, to *beguile* or *circumvent*; *kayd*, an *artful device* (Qor. 7¹⁸² 20⁶²; Lane, 2638*f*). Read פִּידֹר (12⁵ 30²⁴ 31²⁰, Pr. 24²² †), or אִידֹר (v.¹⁷).

21. [חֲצָצְרוֹ] Arab. *ḥaṣṣa* is to *cut* or *sever*, also to *become a portion* (*ḥaṣṣanī*, became my portion), conj. iv. *aḥṣaṣtuhu*, I gave him a *portion* or *share*; *ḥiṣṣat^{an}*, a *portion* or *share* (Lane, 579*f*); Eth. *ḥaṣaṣa*, to *curtail*, *diminish*; Ass. *ḥaṣāṣu*, to *cut in two*: in Heb. Pr. 30²⁷, the locusts have no king, וַיֵּצֵא חֲצִין פָּלוֹ, yet they go forth *divided* (into companies), “*divisi*, i.e. agmine partito,” Ges. Hence (1) when the number of his months *hath been apportioned* (to him), so Ew. Schl. Di.¹; or (2) *hath been cut off* (i.e. *finished*: cf. בָּצַע, to *cut off*, but also to *finish*, Is. 10¹², Zec. 4⁹); so Ges. Del. Di.² Bu. Du. But Ew. Grä. Be. Bu. all suggest as possible חֲרָצוֹ, *are cut off*, i.e. *are determined* (see 14⁵). The pl. by attraction to חֲרָצוֹ (G-K. 146*a*); cf. 38²¹.

22. [רָכִים] “Ins alltägliche wird dieser Sinn abgeschwächt durch רָמִים statt רָמִים nach LXX φόνους (Me. Grä.)” (Bu.).

23. [בַּעֲצָם תָּמוֹ] עֲצָם, lit. *bone*, then *body*, *substance*, of . . ., is the Hebrew idiom for expressing the idea of *reality*: so Ex. 24¹⁰ (JE) בַּעֲצָם הַשָּׁמַיִם = like heaven *itself*, and often in Ezk. (4 times) and P (14 times †), in הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה (or עַר עֲצָם, to express *this very day*. Cf. Aram. פִּרְם, and ܒܝܬܐ (with sf.), lit. *bone*, used often in the same sense (so perh. once in Heb., 2 K. 9¹³). In Arab. عَيْن, *eye*, is used similarly (Del.; Lane, 2216*c*–2217*a*).

[כָּלִי] Lex. 481*b* (bottom).

[שלֹאֵן] a *lapsus calami* for שֹׁאֵן (12⁵), due to a scribe's eye accidentally lighting upon the following שֹׁלֵן (Ol. Di. etc.).

[שֹׁלֵן] = שֹׁלֵן, 16¹² 20²⁰; cf. Jer. 49³¹ שֹׁלֵן (Kö. ii. p. 144; cf. G-K. p. 240n); the ם merely secures the consonantal character of the ן (Kö. ii. p. 83).

24. [עֲטִינִי] In NH. עֲטֵן is to *put in*, of putting olives into a vat or press; in Arab. عَطَنَ is to put hides into a corrosive fluid to remove the hair; NH. מִעֲטֵן is an olive-vat, in which olives are kept till they are ready for the press (*VHWB*, s.v.). עֲטֵן will thus have denoted some vessel: we may render here *pails*. Ε ἔγκυατα, Υ viscera, ט בְּזִי, his *breasts* (so Rabb., EVV.), ס צַדְדֵי, his *sides* (flanks)—all guesses, to suit the || עֲצֻמוֹתָיו. Be. Klo. עֲטִינִי †, his *loins* (with הָלֵב for הָלֶב) = Syr. ܥܬܝܢܐ (= ܥܬܝܢܐ, Gn. 32³² and often; really the same word as Heb. עֲצָם = عَظْم, *bone*, Dr. 178, p. 226): precarious, and unnecessary.

[יִשְׁקָה] cf. Pr. 3⁸ וְיִשְׁקֶנִי לְעֲצֻמוֹתַי.

25. [אֲבֵל ב'] the ב' partitive, as Ex. 12⁴⁸ בּוֹ לֹא יֵאָכֵל, Ps. 141⁴ לֶחֶם ב', Nu. 11¹ etc.

26. [יָחַד] notice the emphatic and idiomatic position of יָחַד at the beginning: as 19¹² 24⁴ al. (*Lex.* 403, 1b).

27. [עָלִי תַחֲבֹכוּ] (wherewith) ye *deal violently* against me (G-K. 155k), cf. Ε ἐπίκεισθέ μοι; Du. תַּחֲבִיטִי, (which) ye *search out* (Ps. 64⁷) against me; Be.^K (cf. סִלְשִׁלֵּכִי, תַּחֲשִׁלֵּן) (which) ye *devise* (Pr. 3²⁹ רַעַת רָעָה, 6¹⁴ 14²²) against me. [Jacob (*ZATW*, 1912, p. 287) תַּחֲמִסֵּנִי; cf. וְסִמְלֵסֵנִי, *to meditate*.]

28. [אֲהֵל מִשְׁכְּנוֹת רַשָּׁעִים] 1 MS^{K III}, Υ om. אֲהֵל; so Be. Du. Bu. Cf., however, for a syn. in the gen., 37⁶ מִשְׁכְּנוֹת רַשָּׁעִים; Ps. 26⁸, Is. 25¹² מִבְּצֵר מִשְׁכְּנוֹת חֹמֹתָיו, 13¹⁹ מִשְׁכְּנוֹ is a poet. amplificative pl., G-K. 124b; Kö. 260f. [Thus there is no stylistic objection to אֲהֵל, and, since Ε(Θ)ΣΤ agree with אֲהֵל, the textual evidence for the omission of אֲהֵל is of very little weight. If on rhythmical grounds it is necessary to omit a word in ^b, it would be better to omit אִיה there, אִיה in ^a governing both lines (as does הָ in 22⁴), and being united with בֵּית under a single

stress (cf. probably Jer. 2⁶); in this case, or, if we stress אִיה, and with Ehrlich omit בִּי תִאמְרוּ, the rhythm is normal—3 : 3. In 11 it is 4 : 4 (אִיה being stressed, as, e.g., Ps. 42⁴); but both lines lack the cæsura within the line characteristic of this rhythm (Gray, *Forms*, 160, 164, 169).]

29. שִׂאֲלָתָם] G-K. 44d, 64f.

הַיָּבִיר has in Heb. opposite meanings. הַיָּבִיר (often) is to *recognize*, *regard*; but the Pi. יָבַר is to *treat as foreign* (denom. from יָבַר, Bu.), *misunderstand* in 1 S. 23⁷ (but rd. here סָנַר or סָבַר), Dt. 32²⁷, Jer. 19⁴ †, but Jb. 34¹⁹ † it is to *regard*: the Nif. in La. 4⁸ † is to *be recognized*, but in Ps. 26²⁴ † to *make oneself foreign*, *disguise oneself*, *dissemble*; the Hithp. in Pr. 20¹¹ † is to *let oneself be recognized*, but in Gn. 42⁷, 1 K. 14⁵.⁶ to *act as a foreigner*, to *disguise oneself*. In Arab. *nakura* is to *be ignorant of*, Qor. 11⁷³; to *deny*, *repudiate*, Qor. 16⁸⁵; conj. ii. to *make unknown*, *disguise*, Qor. 27⁴¹, iv. to *be ignorant of*: in Syr. ܐܒܝܪ is to *recognize*, ܢܒܐ (twice), to *repudiate* (but PS. 2378 would read ܢܒܐ, *treat as alien*, *repudiate*, etc.). Nöld. (*Beiträge*, ii. 96) sees in these usages different applications of the idea of *foreign* (cf. יָבַר, יָבַר, to *look closely at what is strange*, and hence to *recognize*, but also to *avoid* a thing as something unknown (*munkar^{an}*): so Ges. in *Lex. man.* (see *Thes.* 887b, top). The most natural sense here is *recognize*, *regard* (as 34¹⁹), carrying on the question in ^a (Ew. Bu. al.); Del. Di.², however, “And their tokens ye will not misunderstand?” (“*werdet ihr doch nicht verkennen?*”).

30. לְיוֹם רָג'] That *in view of* (or, as we should say, *against*) the day of calamity the evil man *is withheld*: לְ, to withhold, keep back, *in view of*—in 38²³ in order to utilize, here in order to *spare* (cf. sq. טָן, 33¹⁸, Ps. 78⁵⁰, abs. 2 K. 5²⁰: cf. לְיוֹם (= *for, against*, rather than *in*) in Ps. 81⁴, Pr. 7²⁰, Is. 10³ = Hos. 9⁵. EVV. with Rabb. “is reserved *to*” (cf. Pr. 16⁴); but the context shows that here this sense is impossible: it would simply stultify Job's argument. RVm. rightly, “is spared in.” בְּיוֹם (twice) would, however, undoubtedly be clearer; and it is possible (Di.) either that words have fallen out which would make v.³⁰ (= “reserved *for*”) express the opinion of

Job's opponents, or that an original בָּיִם (so Di. Sgf. Be. Bu.) has been altered (twice) into לָיִם on dogmatic grounds.

[עברות] the pl. as 40¹¹. עֲבָרוֹ (Θ), perhaps rightly.

הוֹבִיל הוֹבִיל is to lead *along*, especially in a procession (v. 32 10¹⁹), but not, at least not elsewhere, (Θ) to lead *away*: יָצַל (Me. Di. Gr. Be. Bu.) is a probable emendation. Me. Di. Be. Bu. יָצַל (יָצַל); but where a *class* of persons is referred to, as here in רָע, Hebrew poets often alternate between sg. and pl., and Θ already agrees with ῥῆ (ἀπαχθήσονται *Tis*).

31. [עַל כְּנִי] as 6²⁸ 1¹¹. ^b Dr. 154; cf. 7²⁰ 19⁴ 23¹⁰, Am. 3⁸.

32. [קברות] as 17¹ [n.].

גְּרִישׁ נ' is a *sheaf* (5²⁶, Ex. 22⁵, Jg. 15⁵): read גְּרִישׁ = Arab. *jadath*, a *sepulchre* (Qor. 54⁷).

יִשְׁקֹר [יִשְׁקֹר] is to *be wakeful* (Ps. 127¹), with the collateral idea of *watching* (Jer. 1¹² 5⁶ al.). The tomb is supposed to be a fine one: the effigy of the deceased stands above it; and the poet imagines him to be watching over it himself. But many, as Häv. Ol. Hi. Reuss, Me. Bu., who render "one watcheth," and Me. Du. St., who read יִשְׁקֹר, "men watch," suppose the meaning to be that so far from being forgotten, as Bildad had declared (18¹⁷), the memory of the evil man is honoured, and care is taken (cf. יִשְׁקֹר in Jer. 1¹²) to guard his tomb against desecration. Θ(Θ) καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπὶ σωρῶν (over the *sheaves* produced by his estate) ἡγρῦπνευσεν; cf. Ra. ועל גְּרִישׁ יִשְׁקֹר. כִּשְׁהוּא נִקְבַּר אֶל הַגְּרִישִׁים.

33. [רַגְבִּי] 38³⁸ †. [Cf. ἐργάβ, ἀργάβ, in 1 S. 20¹⁹, 41 Θ.]

[נַחַל] [commonly *torrent-valley*, *wady*; but it is very far from obvious why the rich man's grave should be in a *wady*. Therefore Jacob has suggested that here] נַחַל = *dust* (as in Chr. Pal.); ZDMG lv. 141 = ZAW xxii. (1902) 102. [Jacob observes that in the Chr. Palestinian Aramaic dictionaries נַחַל commonly renders the Greek σποδός: so, e.g., in Heb. 9¹³ σποδὸς δαμάλεως is rendered נַחֲלָא דַעֲנִלְחָא; and in Is. 61³ ἀντὶ σποδοῦ ἄλειμμα εὐφροσύνης, חֲלוֹף נַחֲלָא מִיֶּשַׁח דְּבִיסָם; so also in Gn. 18²⁷, Jon. 3⁶, σποδός; and in Ex. 9¹⁰ αἰθάλη are rendered by נַחַל: see the texts in *A Palestinian Syriac Dictionary containing Lessons from the Pentateuch*, etc., ed. A. S. Lewis.]

יִמְשׁוֹךְ] apparently intrans. (cf. Germ. *ziehen*), to *move along in a line*, as (in a *military* sense) Jg. 4⁶ (cf. v. 7, trans.), 5¹⁴ (perhaps), 20³⁷ (Ex. 12²¹ is dub.).

34. הָבַל] adv. acc. = *idly, in vain*, as 9²⁹.

וְתִשְׁבּוּתֵיכֶם] an extreme case of the *cas. pendens*, without the usual resumption by a pron. (Dr. 197): cf. 1 S. 20²³, 1 K. 6¹², 2 K. 22^{18b-19}, Jer. 44¹⁶, Dn. 1²⁰, Is. 66¹⁸, Hos. 8¹³ חַל, Ezk. 1¹³ חַל, 10²² (Dr. 197, *Obs.* 2; G-K. 143*a*, β; Kön. iii. 341*f*, *i*): and your answers—there remaineth (*sc.* of them) (but) faithlessness! = and your answers remain (but) faithlessness!

CHAPTER XXII.

2. [יִסְכֵּן] cf. on 15³.

[נַי] (Nay:) *for*; see 5²; *Lex.* 472a.

[עֲלִימוֹ] if correct, must be another case of the anom. sing. *for* עליו; see on 20²³.

3. [תַּתִּים] G-K. 67g. Strictly an Aramaizing form, though found in early Heb. (וַיִּסֵּב, Ex. 13¹⁸), and often, no doubt, due only to the punctuators.

6. [אַחִידָה] so B Gi. and most MSS, edd., GSW; Baer (p. 46) with many MSS, T and Kimchi אַחִידָה. The sense in either case is the same, the sg. being obviously intended in a general sense.

7. [מִים] emphasized both by position and by the connection of לֹא with it instead of the vb.; cf. *Lex.* 518b, bot.]

8a. Dr. 197. 3; cf. Jg. 17⁵ וְהָאִישׁ מִיכָה לוֹ בֵּית אֱלֹהִים, Pr. 24⁸.

[נִשְׂאוֹ פָנָיו] is to *lift up the face* of a suppliant (opp. 'הִשִּׁיב פָּנָיו', 1 K. 2¹⁶) = *receive favourably*, Gn. 32²¹ etc.; so נִשְׂאוֹ פָנָיו, *lifted up in regard to face* (like נִשְׂאוֹ פָּשֶׁעַ, etc.) means *one viewed favourably, held in repute*; so 2 K. 5¹ (of Na'aman), Is. 3³ 9¹⁴ †.

9. [יִדְבָּקָה] י' is an implicit *accus.*: cf. Gn. 4¹⁸; and see G-K. 121b. טַרְבָּקָה (so Me. Sgf. Be.^K St.), but no doubt merely assimilating to א'. If טַרְבָּקָה had originally stood here, why should it have been changed to the less obvious construction יִדְבָּקָה? [A *deliberate* change is certainly improbable; yet in this pointed attack on what Job has done, the 2nd pers. alone seems natural. The vaguer passive is less probable even than the oblique references in v.⁸—even if that v. be original and not a gloss.]

[10. Note the numerous bh, pi, and ph sounds, and the further assonance—*paḥad, paḥim.*]

II. "Or seest thou not the darkness, and the abundance of waters that covereth thee?" yields a poor sense. Rd. with ט ($\tau\delta\ \phi\acute{\omega}\varsigma\ \sigma\omicron\iota\ \sigma\kappa\acute{o}\tau\omicron\varsigma\ \acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{\epsilon}\beta\eta$) Me. Bi. Du. [and to the improvement of the rhythm and parallelism] אֲדִירָה חֹשֶׁךְ (Wr. Perl. Gr. Du. Be.^K אֲדִירָה חֹשֶׁךְ) "*Thy light is darkened* (the fate of the wicked in 18⁶) that thou seest not, and abundance of waters doth cover thee."

$\text{וּשְׁפַעַת מִיִּם תִּבְכֶּךְ}$ so, *verbatim*, 38^{34b}, but of literal waters descending in a storm, cf. Is. 60⁶ $\text{שְׁפַעַת נְגִלִים תִּבְכֶּךְ}$.

12. לְגִבְהַ שׁ the pred. a subst., acc. to Dr. 189. 2, G-K. 141c; cf. 8⁹, Ps. 92⁹ וְאַתָּה מְרוֹם , lit. Thou art *loftiness*. [שׁ (through dittography) $\text{הַגִּבְהַ$, which Be.^K thinks possibly right.]

וְרֹאֵהוּ גֹ the "head" or "top" of the stars is a strange expression, and (Bu.) has sense only if we read וְרֹאֵה (ט ,—but connecting with ^a; Be.^K alt.), or וְרֹאֵה (Mich. Sgf. Be.), or וְרֹאֵה (Gr. Königsb.), or וְרֹאֵה (Be.^K alt.), "And he (God) looketh (*i.e.* looketh down) upon the top of the stars,"—an idea not clearly expressed or very probable in itself. More probably, as Bu. suggests, רֹאֵה is an incorrect dittogr. of רֹאֵה , "And see the stars, how lofty they are!" [The rhythm thus becomes normal—3 : 3.]

רָמִי G-K. 20i. For 12^{b-16} ט has only $\text{τοὺς δὲ ὑβρεὶ φερομένους ἐταπείνωσεν}$ (= 15b-16a?).

13. וְאָמַרְתָּ see on 15³²; and cf. Pr. 5¹² וְאָמַרְתָּ . The metheg shows that א is the 2nd syll. before the tone: the י is consequently, as classical Heb. requires, the י *consec.*, giving the verb a frequentative force, *art in the habit of saying* (G-K. 112m).

הַבַּעַד G-K. 100l.

14. חֹג is properly a *circle* (see on 26¹⁰); but it must denote here the round dome, or *vault*, of heaven, above the clouds: cf. Is. 40²² $\text{וְיֹשֵׁב עַל חֹג הָאָרֶץ וְיֹשְׁבֵיהּ כְּחַנְבִּים}$, where (as וְיֹשֵׁב עַל shows) חֹג הָאָרֶץ must also be the *vault* of heaven (apparently) resting upon the earth, and (cf. $\text{וְיֹשְׁבֵיהּ כְּחַנְבִּים}$) at a considerable distance above it.

15. עוֹלָם] Chajes (see Ges.—Buhl¹⁵) עוֹלָם, the *unrighteous*.

16. קָמַטוּ 16⁸.

וְלֹא עַת so Mass. (Baer, p. 45); a circ. cl., as more usually with לֹא alone (34²⁴; *Lex.* 519b, e) or וְלֹא (5⁹). 20 MSS have the easier בְּלֹא (15³², Lv. 15²⁵, Qoh. 7¹⁷).

נָהַר] acc. of product (G-K. 121d); cf. Is. 24¹² (where the *order* is the same as here), Mic. 3¹².

17. לָמַד] the direct narrative (^a) changing into the oblique (Ps. 64^{6b}, after גַּם), as 19²⁸ חָלַל. But לָמַד, probably rightly.

18. Cf. 21¹⁶ n.

19. וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ . . . יִרְאוּ cf. Ps. 107⁴² 69³³, 1 S. 19⁵. ἔιδόντες δίκαιοι ἐγέλασαν, ἄμεμπτος δὲ ἐμυκτήρισεν, whence Du. Be.^K וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ . . . רָאוּ (but not וַיִּרְאוּ), on the ground that the downfall of the ancient מַתִּי אֵן would only be witnessed and triumphed over by their contemporaries. The past tense is certainly here more forcible.

20. קִוְּיָנוּ] A strange and improbable collective word for *opponents* ("Aufstand = Insurgenten"; Kö. ii. 60): for the anom. קִי, cf. Ru. 3², and (always) קִיָּנוּ (G-K. 91f, cf. 61c, end). Ol. al. קִיָּנוּ, or, in view of the pl. יָתִירָם in ^b, קִיָּיִנוּ (Ps. 18⁴⁰, Dt. 33¹¹), with נִכְחָרוּ. But Ἐ(Θ) (εἰ μὴ ἡφανίσθη) ἡ ὑπόστασις αὐτῶν = יָקָמָם (Gn. 7⁴, 23, Dt. 11⁶†; Ἐ in Dt. ὑπόστασις), *their living substance*: so Me. Wr. Gr. Bu. St.; probably rightly.

21. וַיְשַׁלֵּם] and *be at peace* (sc. with Him); cf. Ps. 7⁵ וַיְשַׁלֵּם, my *peaceful one* (my friend). וַיְשַׁלֵּם elsewhere is to *be complete*, 1 K. 7⁵¹ al.; to *be whole, uninjured, prosperous*, Jb. 9⁴†: the thought "And be prosperous" (the 2nd imper. expressing the *consequence* of the first, as often, G-K. 110f) would, however, unduly anticipate ^b and 26ff., and be out of place. The Hif. is more distinctly to *make peace* (Dt. 20¹⁰ al.), and perhaps וַיְשַׁלֵּם should be read (Bu.).

בָּהֶם] = *in them* = by that course of action, as Ezk. 33¹⁸; עֲלֵיהֶם, Ezk. 18²⁶ 33¹⁹; G-K. 135p (in Is. 30⁶ 38^{16a}, ^b 64⁴ the text is most uncertain: Zeph. 2⁷ rd. הֵם). עַל הֵם).

תְּבוֹאֶתָךְ] a grammatical *monstrum*; see G-K. 48d. Rd. either תִּבְּרָתְךָ, *thy increase* (Ἐ ὁ κάρπος σου, 58, and most

moderns) or (Bu. St.) תְּבוֹאֵךְ, will *come to* (or *upon*) *thee* (בָּא, as Dt. 33¹⁶; the sf. as often, though elsewhere usually in a hostile sense, 15²¹ 20²², Pr. 10²⁴ 11²⁷, Ps. 36¹² al.; see, however, Ps. 119^{41, 77}). תְּבוֹאָה, literally *in-come*, used specifically (Ex. 23¹⁰ al.) of crops *brought in* from the field, is used often, especially in the Wisdom-literature, in the fig. sense of *gain, profit, advantage* (31¹², Pr. 3^{14b} 8^{19b} 10¹⁶ 16⁸ 18²⁰).

23. תְּבַנֶּה anticipates ²⁵ unduly, and also makes it difficult to carry on the force of אִם to ^b. Ἐ καὶ ταπεινώσῃς σεαυτόν, whence Ew. Di. תַּעֲנֶה (Ex. 10³) = *humbling thyself* (constr. as 11^{18b}, see note: Dr. 163); Bi. וְתַעֲנֶה (Ps. 116¹⁰); Be. Du. St. וְתַעֲנֶה; Me. Sgf. Gr. וְתִכְנַע (1 K. 21²⁹, 2 K. 22¹⁹; abs. Lv. 26⁴¹, 2 Ch. 12^{6, 7}): Be.^K Bu. either of the two last. תַּעֲנֶה is the neatest of these suggestions; but the repetition of אִם before הִרְחִיק would be also an improvement.

24. וְיָשִׁית Ἐ θήσῃ (without καί), whence Me. Gr. תְּשִׁית; but וְיָשִׁתָּ (Bi. Hfm. Bu.) carries on the sentence most smoothly. Ὅ δabit (= יָשִׁית), but entirely altering the sense, Dabit pro terra silicem, et pro silice torrentes aureos.

בָּצַר v.²⁵ †. The exact meaning is uncertain; but probably from √ בָּצַר, to *cut off, a fragment* or *nugget* of gold: sing. coll. ore, pl. (v.²⁵) *nuggets*. Ges. Thes. compares Arab. *tibr, dust, nuggets, or crumbled particles* of gold, before it is wrought (Lane, 293), from √ *tabara, ii. to break in pieces*. Ἐ(Θ) πέτρα confuses with צֹר.

וּבְצֹר נְחָלִים and among the rocks (not *stones*, EVV.) of the wadys, though צִירִי (1 S. 24³) would be better. Some 65 MSS, ΘΞΩ and וּבְצִיר; but the || על עֵפֶר suggests strongly a *place*. “*וּבְצֹר* might well be a faulty repetition of *בָּצַר*: from what remains in ^b וּבְחֹל יָמִים אֹפִיר (cf. 6³) might be easily restored” (Bu.^{1, 2}).

אֹפִיר short for אֹפִירָה (28¹⁶, Is. 13¹², Ps. 45¹⁰ †); once, later, אֹפִירָה (1 Ch. 29⁴ †).

25. בְּצֹרֶיךָ In pl. with an intensive force. Ἐ σου . . . βοηθὸς ἀπὸ ἐχθρῶν, prob. = בְּצֹרֶיךָ; β. a paraphrase of צֹר, as Ps. 17(18)² 18(19)¹⁴ 77(78)³⁵ 93(94)²². כְּבֹדֶיךָ, probably the same; cf. S Ps. 19¹⁴ 78³⁵. Ὅ contra hostes tuos = בְּצֹרֶיךָ.

עֵינִי, cf. Is. 2¹⁷ וְשָׁח נִבְהוּת הָאָדָם : the opp. עֵינִי, Ps. 101⁶ (cf. 18²³), and Is. 5¹⁵ וְעֵינֵי נִבְהִים תִּשְׁפֹּלְנָה. פּא , now, has been taken in two ways: (1) "when men have abased (thee), and thou sayest (complainest), 'Pride!' then (Dr. 124) he will save him that is lowly," *i.e.* when proud men assail thee he will defend thee, provided thou hast shown becoming penitence and humility (Röd. Ges. *Theo.* 1466, Hi. : abased, as Pr. 25⁷); (2) "If they (thy ways, v.²⁸) are depressed (cf. Jer. 13¹⁸), then (cf. Dr. § 153) thou sayest (= wilt say; but?) 'Up!' and he saveth him that is lowly," *i.e.* when misfortune overtakes thee, thy confidence in God gives thee courage to overcome it, and He will again give prosperity to the lowly (Ew. Del. Di.). But it must be obvious how strained each of these renderings is, and to what various objections each is open: the omission of an object to השפילו in (1), the unheard of sense of נזה in (2), and the disconnection caused by the awkward change from the 2nd to the 3rd pers. in both. There is a strong presumption that ^a is || to ^b; hence Bu. אֱלֹהִים נִאֲוָה, "For God abaseth pride" (Is. 13^{11b}, Ps. 18²³, where חוֹשֵׁעַ is also opp. to (ה)שפיל); Be. (וְנִאֲוָה), "For he abaseth the lofty and the proud" (אֵת, as Is. 41⁷ 50⁴; G-K. 117d: נִאֲוָה (so Be.^K), as Is. 2¹²); Du. אֵמַר אֶמְרָה, *he abaseth the word of pride*. ט already had וְהִאֲמַר; but any one of these emendations yields the required sense. Du.'s deviates least from פּא : but אֵמַר אֶמְרָה is doubtful; and Bu.'s is in form preferable to Be.'s.

30. אי נקי if correct, the *non-innocent* = the *guilty*: אי , as in Eth. (the common neg.) and Rabbinic; otherwise in OT. only presupposed in the explanation of אי-קבֹוד , 1 S. 4²¹. אי and the periphrasis are alike improbable. ^b shows that Job himself cannot be referred to, and we should expect something like למענך , *for thy sake*, in ^a. $\text{ט}(\Theta)$ for ^a has $\rho\acute{\upsilon}\sigma\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota\ \alpha\theta\omega\acute{o}\nu$, ו salvabitur innocens. Me. Be.^K אֵל (Ley, אֱלֹהִים) for אי (which, however, will not suit the emendation אֱלֹהִים in ^{29a}), with תִּפְּלֵט (Θ) in ^b. אֵיט (Reiske, Dathe), with ^b תִּפְּלֵט, would give a good sense. Du. יִכְלֵא תְּאוֹת נְקִי (with כִּפְּיוֹ, as טט , in ^b) is clever and in itself suitable, but deviates a good deal from פּא .

CHAPTER XXIII.

2. גס־היום כִּירִי שְׁחִי] Et καὶ δὴ οἶδα ὅτι ἐκ χειρός μου ἡ ἐλεγχίς ἐστίν, whence Ew. כִּירִי for כִּירִי, Me. נָם יִדְעָתִי מִיָּדוֹ שְׁחִי (= is occasioned by Him); Be.^K כִּישְׁרִי (?) for כִּירִי. [It is questionable whether Me. is right in concluding that Et read נָם־היום for גס־היום: it is quite as probable that Et read גס־היום and that in this text, which would be clearly inferior to H , יִדְעָתִי was a mere dittograph from יִדְעָתִי in the following v. The particle נָם is in Job most commonly translated by καὶ simply: so 1⁶ 2¹ 13¹⁶ 16^{4, 19} (καὶ עַתָּה = נָם עַתָּה) 18⁵ 30⁸; occasionally by καί and another particle: so once by καὶ . . . μέν (12³), once by καί . . . ἄρα (31²⁸), by καί γε in 30², and double καί γε . . . καί γε (= נָם . . . נָם) in 15¹⁰. Possibly, therefore, καὶ δὴ may have been here another unusual equivalent for נָם: but the only other occurrence of καὶ δὴ in Job renders עַתָּה כִּי עַתָּה (6³); as δὴ there renders the temporal עַתָּה, so here it may render the temporal הַיּוֹם; and as καί there renders the כִּי, so here the נָם.]

[גס־היום] *to-day* also is the most obvious rendering; *even to-day* (RV.) is equally legitimate (see BDB, s.v. נָם, 2); but it is not easy to explain this emphasis on *to-day*, except on the assumption, clearly demanded by the alternative rendering, that the debate has already occupied more than one day. If this assumption is not to be allowed, it is necessary to emend, and no emendation can safely claim the support of Et (see preceding n.). If the point is: in spite of all that has been said in this debate, the debate being conceived as confined to a single day, נָם עוֹד *still* (with emphasis) would be suitable; but this, like אָמֵנָם (Be., who compares 9² 12²) or נָם הֵנָּה (Sgf.), would not have been easily corrupted into H or Et .]

כִּירִי (Dt. 31²⁷; בֵּית מִרִי, Ezk. 25. 6 al.), *defiance* (G-K. 141c), viz. against the acknowledgment of God's justice, and exhorta-

tions to submit to Him: cf. (Bu.) the utterances which accompany his "complaint," 7¹¹⁻²⁰ 9²⁷⁻³¹ 10¹⁻¹⁷ 21^{4ff.}. מַר טַעַם, *bitter* (cf. 7^{11c} 10^{1c}), in view of ^b probably rightly. The point here is not Job's defiance, but the continued severity of his sufferings.

יְדִי כְבֵדָה עַל אֲנַחְתִּי & Ew. Me. De. Di. Du. Be. al. (but not Bu.) יָדוֹ: *His hand* (13²¹ 19²¹) is heavy (Ps. 32⁴, 1 S. 5^{6.11}) upon my groaning (3²⁴, Ps. 6⁷ al.)—instead of desisting because of my groaning, His oppressing hand only aggravates it. Bu. (יָדִי) "and yet my hand is [still] heavy (still presses) upon my groaning," *i.e.*, as, after cc. 19, 21 he can claim, he strives to suppress such outbursts of feeling as those in cc. 6-7, 9-10, 12-14. AV. *my stroke* for יָדִי expresses the Rabbinic interpretation טַחַחִי, Ra. IE. מִכָּתִי; IE. compares Ps. 77³ (where AV. has similarly *my sore* for יָדִי).

3. יָדַעְתִּי The *pf.* after מִי יֵתֶן (*Lex.* 678*f*) occurs only here, and seems hardly consistent with the meaning of מִי יֵתֶן: Dt. 5²⁶ וְהָיָה מִי יֵתֶן is not parallel; the *pf.* with יֵתֶן cons. is syntactically very different from the *pf.* alone, and in many connections interchangeable with the bare *impf.* (which often follows יֵתֶן). Should יָדַעְתִּי be read (the *inf.*, as Ex. 16³ al.; cf. on 11⁵)? [If יָדַעְתִּי were omitted with MS ^{Ken.} 253 & Be.^K the constr. would be as in 19²³ †.]

וְאִמְצֵאָהּ subordinated to יָדַעְתִּי: cf. 6⁹, Est. 8⁶, Ca. 2³; and (without יֵתֶן) Jb. 19³ 32²² (G-K. 120*c*).

תְּכַנִּנָּתוֹ apparently a *prepared* or *established place* = a *tribunal*; cf. 29⁷ אֶכֶּן מוֹשְׁבִי בְּרָחוֹב כִּסְאוֹ; הַכֵּן כִּסְאוֹ, Ps. 103¹⁹; כּוֹנֵן כִּסְאוֹ, Ps. 9⁸.

6. לֹא אֶבְרַב . . . [הַגְּבֹרָה] *In the greatness . . . (will he) . . . ?* Nay, but . . .; Bu. לֹא אֶבְרַב . . ., Behold in the greatness . . . he would . . . If only . . .

בִּי יִשְׂמַע *sc.* לִבּוֹ (see on 4²⁰), which Du. *metri causa* [but unnecessarily even for this reason] would insert before בִּי. Gr. בִּי יִשְׂמַע; but שָׁמַע sq. 3^d pers. is not found except once, Ps. 92¹², where (like בִּי רָאָה) it means *to hear exultingly* of their fate.

7. שָׁמַע [4 MSS, Be. שָׁמַע. *U* *proponat* would point to שָׁמַע rather than (Be.^K) שָׁמַע. & γάρ].

[נוכח] ptc. properly = *in the state of one in mutual argument* (cf. נִשְׁפָּט; נִדָּן, 2 S. 19¹⁰): the Nif. (in a reciprocal sense, even with a sing. subj., like נִשְׁפָּט: G-K. 51d, and see Dr. on 1 S. 12⁷).

[עמו] [עמי, Y contra me].

[ואפֿלטָה] the Pi. is elsewhere trans.: rd. וַאֲפִלְטָה (Qal, as Ezk. 7¹⁶). [Ἐ ἐξαγάποι, Y perveniat.]

[מִשְׁפָּטִי] 8 MSS, EH (but both altering besides both the reading and meaning of the v.), מִשְׁפָּטִי, whence Mich. Hi. Du. Be.^K, though upon insufficient grounds, "And I should rescue (Pi.) for ever *my right*."

8. [אהלך] more vivid and suggestive than the ordinary אֶלֶךְ.

[ואיננו] Or ^{Kt.} וַאֲיִנִּי, presumably on dogmatic grounds.

[אבין לוֹ] cf. 9¹¹.

9. [בעשתי] rd. with S Me. Bu. Klo. Du. St. Be. בִּקְשָׁתִּי.

[ולא אֶחָז] cf. ¹¹ ולא־אָחַז [cf. out of pause, תָּחִז, Mic. 4¹¹].

On the anomalous jussive form, see G-K. 109k; Dr. §§ 171, 175.

[יעטף] not *covereth himself* (as Ps. 65¹⁴ 73⁶ †), but (Ew. Hi. Di. Del. etc.) *turneth back* (as Syr. اَعْبَد, to *turn, turn back*, PS. 2860; Arab. *atafa*), though אָעִטֵּף, "I turn back" (S Δαδσο, Y si vertam me; Du. Be.^K Bu. St.) is better.

[אראה] the sf. is often omitted with verbs like ראה, שמע, etc. [It is rhythmically improbable (unless, which is unlikely, the rhythm intended was 4:4) that it was pronounced אֶרְאֶה (Be.^K): we might rather expect אֶרָא like אָחָז.]

10. [דרך עמדי] the way (that is) with me—which I habitually take, my accustomed path (Ew. Di. Du.). The expression is peculiar. S Gr. Be.^K דְּרָכִי וְעַמְדִּי, my way and my standing; poor (contrast Ps. 139²): Bu. דרך עמדי, the way (on which) I stand, the verb chosen being intended to express his continuance upon it; but הלכתי—or rather אֶלֶךְ—is what in this case would be expected.

[בחנני וג'] a hypothetical sentence, as 7²⁰ 21^{31b} (Dr. 154; G-K. 159h).

11. [אשרו] אֲשֶׁרוּ sing. as 31⁷: אֲשֶׁר pl., reading אשרו (cf. pl. punctuation in, e.g., Ps. 17⁵), or treating sing. as collective; cf. RV.]

אֲטָ] The Hif. intrans., as Is. 30¹¹ סורו || † הָטוּ מִנִּי אֶרֶץ [On the jussive form, see ⁹ n.]

12. [מצות ש'] the *casus pendens*: (As for) the commandment of his lips, well (or then) (! as 15¹⁷ 20¹⁸ 25⁵, Ps. 115⁷; Dr. 124, G-K. 143^d: cf. ב , Qor. 3^{49. 50} 26⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ etc.), I never seceded (Ex. 33¹¹), sc. from it, מִצְוָה being omitted in poetry for brevity. $\text{Ὁ ἀπὸ ἐνταλμάτων αὐτοῦ καὶ}$ (om. καί, ^A) οὐ μὴ παρέλθω, whence Me. Sgf. Be.^K St. לא אֶמְצֵא ש' "nur die heb. Farbe abschwächend" (Bu.), [but obtaining a distich more easily read as 3:3 than אֲטָ ; but 14 Heb. MSS om. אֲטָ , and this alone (without reading מִנִּי for מ') gives an easy rhythm].

[מִחֲקִי] EVV. "more than my necessary food," or (RVm.) "my portion": חֲקִי, as Pr. 30⁸ חֲקִי לֶחֶם חֲקִי, 31¹⁵ . . . וְחֲתָן; חֲקִי לְעֶרְתִּיהָ; RVm. "more than my own law" or inclination (Ro. 7²³). Neither is probable. Rd. with Ὁ (ἐν δὲ κόλπω μου), ἤ (both mentioned in RVm.) בְּחֲקִי (so Reiske, Ol. Me. Di. and most).

13. [בִּאחֹד] usually taken as a case of ב *essent.* (Pr. 3²⁶, Ex. 18⁴, Ps. 35² 118⁷; *Lex.*; G-K. 119ⁱ), he is *on*, viz. in purpose, and so unchangeable. But this reads a good deal into בִּאחֹד; and a verb is desiderated, as (Be.) in other cases (9¹² 11¹⁰ 31¹⁴, Is. 43¹³) before וּמִי יִשְׁבְּנוּ. Bu. and Be. independently proposed בָּחַר, *hath chosen* (|| אָחַר in Ps. 132¹³, Be.); so Du.

[וְאִתָּה וְיִעֵשׂ] a hypothetical sentence of the same type as 9²⁰ 29¹¹, Pr. 11² (Dr. 153). וְיִעֵשׂ (Bu.) is no improvement: the pf. would naturally be followed by וְ .

[14. The v. is omitted in the MSS of Ὁ , though it may have formed an original part of the ancient version. V.¹⁵ אֲטָ occurs in two translations; the first (v.¹⁴ in Swete's text), that of Ὁ ; the second is that of Theodotion: see Hatch, *Essays in Biblical Greek*, p. 217.]

כִּי Sgf. Bu. כִּי (|| בְּחֲקִי).

[חֲקִי] ἤ points to חֲקִי; but ἤ in *me voluntatem suam* may well be a paraphrase of אֲטָ .

עמו] [*in his mind*: for the idiom, cf. 10¹³ 15⁹; *Lex.* 768b].

17. Bi. Bu. Be. Du. om. ל, and מ in ^b. Violent; but this seems necessary? [The omission of ל in MS ^{Ken.} 48 is scarcely more than an accidental return to an original text, if such existed, from which ל was absent: the ל was already in *U*'s text. As emended the second line ופני כסה אפל reads well—and thick darkness covereth my face—the order of the words being as in 5² 14¹⁹ 15³⁰ (Dr. 208 (1)); but ^a is not, perhaps, as a whole, so good a parallel to ^b as the parallelism of the terms חשך || אפל might lead us to expect. Still the present text is intolerable: and other proposed emendations are inferior. Sgf., retaining ל, reads נצפנתי (I was not preserved from the darkness).]

CHAPTER XXIV.

1. **מישדי** מן of the source, or efficient cause, as [Ps. 37²³, Nah. 1⁵] (*Lex. s.v.* מן, 2 e (a)).

לא נצפנו being misunderstood in the sense of *are hidden, concealed*, has led to the omission of לא in 2 MSS, א (διὰ τί δὲ Κύριον ἔλαθον ὦραι); and by Mich. Me. Sgf. Be.: the fact that נצפן מן means *be hidden from* in Jer. 16¹⁷ (Be.) is not proof that it must mean it here. Du. for ^a [רין] מדוע מישדי לא [רין] נצפנו עתים (are hidden with him).

חזו anomalously from חזה: G-K. 75m. Cf. Is. 16⁸ חָזוּ.

2. **גבולות ישיגו** the half-line is short and weak; and an explicit subject is strongly desiderated. א has ἀσεβείς, א¹ דרא (the generation of the Deluge), Υ alii, Saad. قوم (people). Me. Di. Bi. Sgf. Wr. Du. insert רשעים: as the emphasis lies on the deed done, the order גבולות רשעים ישיגו (as Pr. 5⁵; Dr. 208. 2) is best. Bu. (after H) הפה (which might easily have fallen out after ימיו), followed by הם or הפה in v.⁵, which he renders *some . . . others*; but המה points back to something definite [yet see v.¹³ n.]; and *some . . . others* in Heb. is not המה . . . המה, but אלה . . . אלה. "There are that . . ." (RV.; so ⁹) yields, no doubt, an excellent sense; but it would require יש אשר (Neh. 5^{2.3.4} †), or יש משינים ג' (or משיני, Pr. 11²⁴ etc. (*Lex.* 441b, b)).

ישיגו = יסיגו (Dt. 19¹⁴), from סוג (G-K. 75ee): cf. נשוג for נסוג (2 S. 1²²), and כעס for בעס (on 5²): G-K. 6k, Dr. on 2 S. 1²². There is a mass. list of 18 words written once with ש in lieu of the normal ס (including Hos. 8⁴ השירו for הסירו; see RVm.); see *Mass. Magna* on Hos. 2⁸ (שן for סן), and Frensdorff, *Ochlah we-Ochlah*, no. 191, and p. 42. ס for ש is rarer (Am. 6¹⁰, Ps. 4⁷, Ezr. 4⁵).

וירעו א (ποιμνιον σὺν ποιμένι ἀρπάσαντες) = וירעו (וירעהו),

which Bu., thinking וירעו to be too obvious, adopts; so Me. Sgf. Grä. St. But (Du.) the point may be that they appropriate their neighbours' fields, and feed the flocks upon them openly and publicly, as if they were their own.

3. [For the positions of the vbs. in the two lines, cf. 20¹⁶, Dt. 32^{13, 33}; and see Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, p. 67 n.]

4. [עָנִי] so Kt.; Qrê עָנִי. See on the distinction between עָנִי, *humble* (in disposition), and עָנִי, *humbled, afflicted* (in external state), and on the usage of the two words (especially in the Prophets and Psalms) Dr. in *DB*, s.v. POOR.

[חֲבָאוּ] so G ἐκρύβησαν; yet it is doubtful whether the Pual, which occurs here only, is satisfactorily explained by saying that it indicates the violence exercised on the poor. A reflexive, not a passive, would be natural here, and we should perhaps read יַחֲבִאוּ (impf. as in ^a) for יַחַד חָבֵאוּ, the Hithp. being used of hiding in fear, or for safety as in Gn. 3⁸, 1 S. 13⁶. The change also gives a rhythmically easier line.]

5. [הֵן] הֵן, as (late Heb., 1 Ch. 13¹², Dn. 10¹⁷ †, Palm., 1 Jer.; see *Lex.* 228a, 1089b). As a *new* class is evidently here introduced,—and one consisting, moreover, not of oppressors, but of oppressed,—a word pointing to a fresh subject is desiderated: *U* again *alii*; hence Bu.'s הֵם or הָמָּה (as v.²) is very plausible.

[פִּרְאִים] as wild-asses; the פ omitted, as, e.g., Hos. 8⁹ (G-K. 1187).

[בַּפְּעֵלִים] לֵפ, as Ps. 104²³ (יַעַד אֲדָם לַפְּעֵלִים), would be better (so 7 MSS).

[מִשְׁחָרֵי לִטְרָף] G-K. 130a: cf. 18², Is. 14^{19b} 19⁸, Ezk. 38¹¹.

[עֲרֵבָה לוֹ לֶחֶם לְנַעֲרִים] the steppe is food for him for (the double reference of לוֹ, as 2 K. 10¹⁹, Hi.) the children (29⁵). After לוֹ לְנַעֲרִים would be more natural than לְנַעֲרִים: but, though there are parallels (see on v.⁶ 21³⁰) for the individualizing sg. after the pl., the change is here harsh; hence in spite of Θ (ἡδύνη—עֲרֵבָה—confused with αὐτῷ ἄρτος εἰς νεωτέρους) agreeing with αὐτῷ, the originality of לוֹ is doubtful. [And in other respects also the present text of v.⁵ must be at fault; for, as Bu. well points out, it admits of no rhythmical articulation, but simply resolves

itself into prose.] Me. Bi.¹ om. לו; Be.^K (perhaps) ערבה; משחרי לְטָרֶף ערבה לא לחם לנערים; ללחם לרעבים; Wr. Bu. Be.^T משחרי לְטָרֶף ערבה לא לחם לנערים; Du. משחרי לְטָרֶף לא לחם לנערים (לננ = *for those shaken out of the land*).

6. [בלילו] 6⁵. The sg. sf., which cannot naturally refer either (Del.) to שדה or (Ew. Di.) to רשע, is very harsh beside the pl. יקצירו (Dr. on 2 S. 24¹³). And what point is there in their reaping *mixed fodder*? Would this be “reaped”? certainly not all its ingredients together? Still, if correct, it must mean they reap the ingredients of which בליל is made—the בליל would contain things (as beans) which men might eat. They have to content themselves with the coarse food of cattle. Ἐ ἀργὸν πρὸς ὥρας οὐκ αὐτῶν ὄντα ἐθέρισαν (πρὸς ὥρας 15³² = בלא יומו, 15³³ paraphrastic for בָּסְרוּ; οὐκ αὐτῶν ὄντα = בָּלִי-לוּ, cf. 18¹⁵); S has a clear doublet: בָּלִיל = בָּלִיל (PS.), and בָּלִיל = בָּלִיל (PS.); Ψ agrum non suum (בְּשֹׂדֶה בְּלִי לוּ; cf. Gn. 15¹³: so Hi.) demetunt, בָּלִי-לוּ = מִדֹּלָה דִּלְהֶן (Pr. 26¹⁷)—or (Hi.) in a field not his—would not be unsuitable; but the sg. pron. is a difficulty. Hence Me. Bi.¹ Sgf. Du. Be. בָּלִיל, or (Bu. Oort) בָּלִילָה first misread בָּלִילָה, and then written בָּלִילָה, *in the night*.

יקצירו] Qrê יקצויו, the usual conj.: if בָּלִילָה be read, the Kt. *make harvest* will be right.

ילקשו] the √ in Arab. (see Wetzstein *ap. Del.* here) is to *be* or *come late*, both it and derivatives being used in many different applications, e.g. *lakîs* of *ripe corn*, or of a *child born late* to its parents; cf. [in Hebrew, 1. לקש, which in the Gezer Calendar Inscription (*PEFQu. St.*, 1909, p. 20 ff.) probably means the late-sowing, as according to Wetzst. does *serat lakîs* in Tunis; note that in the Calendar the month of לקש follows the month of sowing (זרע); and 2.] בִּלְקִישׁ, the *late* rain of spring, = Syr. ܠܬܝܠܝܬ, PS. 1972 (which also in Gn. 30⁴² has the sense of ὄψιμος); hence here—not, as RV., *glean* (לָקַט), but—(Pi. *priv.*: G-K. 52h) = *take away the late-ripe fruit from the vineyard*, i.e. the poorest and scantiest fruit of the year. Wetzstein's objections (*ap. Del.*) to the interpretations

here given of בליל and לקט rest upon the mistaken assumption that the reference is to *plundering* tribes, who, it is true, would not, for instance, rob a vineyard except when there were plenty of ripe grapes in it; but, if the reference be to the *helpless* poor, who are obliged to be content with the coarsest and scantiest food that they can get, his objections fall through.

[רשע] so all MSS and Vrss. But the ethical character of the landowner is not here in question: rd. prob. עָשָׂר, Bu. Be. Du. Oo.

7. [ערום ילינו] for the syntax, see on 12¹⁷. The similarity of 7^a to 10 suggests that one has been assimilated to the other by some mistake: Bu. proposes for 7^a בַּחֲזֵן יִלְנִי כִסְפָּה. [Du. rejects 7^a as a mere variant of 10^a.]

8. ירטבו †] see on 8¹⁶.

9. [שָׂד] so Is. 6c¹⁶ 66¹¹ †; elsewhere (Jb. 3¹² al.) שָׂד. If correct, cf. the rare Arab. form *thudd*. (Lane, 333); but rd. prob. שָׂד, the pointing שָׂד being intended (each time) to express the meaning *plunder*: cf. ט—בִּזְזָא (here יִתֵּם מִבִּזְזָא יִתֵּם). So Nö. *Beitr.* ii. 121; Levy, *ChWb.* i. 87b.

[וְעָל עֲנִי יִחְבְּלוּ] if correct, and take pledges (getting power) *over* the poor. But rd. probably עָל, take *the infant* (Is. 65²⁰) of the poor in pledge: so Kamph. Du. Bu.; Grä. עָלִי. The v. coheres badly with the context: vv.⁶⁻⁸ and vv.¹⁰⁻¹¹ both describe the sufferings of the helpless, v.⁹ describes the inhumanity of the heartless. Stud. Honth. would place it after ³ (where it would describe the violence done to the *persons* of the poor, while v.³ describes the violence done to their *possessions*); but the repetition of the same words יתום and יחבְלוּ are somewhat against this being its original place. The alternative is to regard it as a marginal gloss (Sgf. Bi. Bu. Be. Du. St.).

10, 11. [Lines 10^b. 11^b are such exact parallels (on the particular form of parallelism, see *Forms*, p. 70) that in all probability they originally formed two stichoi of the same distich. The simplest theory is, perhaps, that 10^b originally followed 11^b; and that 10^a. 11^a, which seem in a somewhat corrupt form, constituted another distich. The alternative is to regard 10^a as a variant of 7^a, and 11^a as a variant of 6^a (?).

Bu. assumes that the idea of the contrast between the condition of the workers and the work they do was conveyed in two distichs and by four examples: this is possible, though scarcely probable; for Bu. is compelled to assume that the point in ^{10a} has been lost through the substitution of בלי לבוש from v.⁷ for words that had dropped out or become illegible, and to secure the idea in ^{11b} by rendering "between [*dark*] walls they press the oil," *i.e.* produce the means of *light*—a rather artificial interpretation. But even if Bu.'s theory of ^{10a} and ^{11a} were correct, the transposition suggested above would remain probable; for hunger and thirst, nakedness and darkness are a more probable pair of parallelisms than nakedness and hunger, darkness and thirst. For another probable example of separation through textual dislocations of lines originally parallel, see *Isaiah* (I.C.C.), p. 219, on Is. 11^{6.7}.]

10. [רעבים] accus. of state: G-K. 118n.

11. [שורות] the sf. has no antecedent: rd. either the du. שורות (Be. Honth. Bu. alt.), or simply שורה. A fem. of שיר, *wall*, is unknown in either Heb. or Aram.; שורה is a *row*, as Jer. 5¹⁰ (rd. בְּשָׂרוֹתָיָהּ), and in the Talm. (עשון שורות שורות בכרם), men arranged *in rows* as (vines) in a vineyard: *NHWB* iv. 425).

[יצהירו] † denom. fr. יָצַהַר, *make fresh oil*. † meridiati sunt, from צהרים; cf. Parchon, וְיִמְן הַצְהָרִים יִשְׁבוּ בֵּין, שורות הנפנים לשמוח בימי הקיץ.

[יקבים] יקב is properly (*v. Arab. in Lex.*) a *cavity*,—usually of the cavity in the rocky ground into which the expressed juice ran down from the נֶת: here, as Is. 16¹⁰, of the cavity (נֶת) in which it was trodden out of the grapes (cf. *EB* iv. 5311 ff.).

[ויצמאו] Du. (supposing field-robbers to be alluded to in vv. ^{10b. 11}) וַיִּצְמְאוּ (39²⁴), and quaff it down.

12. [מעיר וג'] Whether (as accents) עיר and מתיים are connected, as Dt. 2³⁴ 3⁶ + Jg. 20⁴⁸ † (rd. מְתִים for מְתִים), *out of the city of men people groan*, or מתיים is subj., *out of the city men groan*, the sense is weak, and the || to הללים incomplete: rd. with S and MS ^{Ken. 100} מְתִים, *the dying* (as Gn. 20³; and as subj. Zec. 11⁹, Ezk. 18³² הַמֵּת הַמֵּת).

[ינאקו] Ezk. 30²⁴ †: cf. אֵנָּה. Ἐ οἱ ἐκ πόλεως καὶ οἰκων ἰδίων

ἐξεβάλλοντο: whence for מַתִּים, Me. מַבְתִּים, Bi. Du. Be.^K וּבְתִים; and for יִנְאָקוּ, Me. יִנְדָּחוּ, Bi. יִנְדוּ, Du. this or יִנְדָּחוּ (rather יִנְדָּחוּ, as Me.), Be.^K נִקְוָאוּ (Jon. 2¹¹), *are vomited forth* (!).

חַלְלִים] & (νηπιών) Me. Bi. Du. Be.^K עֲלִלִים. But (Bu.) “נפש decidedly supports חַלְלִים.” חַלַּל, wounded, as Ezk. 26¹⁵ 30²⁴ (נִקְוָאוּ חַלַּל), Jer. 51⁵².

לֹא יִשִּׁים תַּפְלָה] understand either בָּם = *imputeth* (4¹⁸, 1 S. 22¹⁵) *not unsavouriness* (to them), or אֶל לְבָבוֹ (as 4²⁰, Is. 41²⁰), *putteth it not . . . (to his heart) = regardeth it not.* [On תַּפְלָה, see 1²² n.] But 2 MSS שֵׁ תַפְלָה; and so Geig. (*Urschr.* 333) Grä. Bu.² St. לֹא יִשְׁמַע תַּפְלָה, perhaps rightly.

13. הַבְּמָה] *Those*,—pointing commonly to persons mentioned before; but here, if correct, pointing to persons whom the poet is thinking of or has in his mind's eye; cf. Is. 24¹⁴.

לֹא] [ש and one of two doublets in & (καὶ οὐκ ἐπέγυνωσαν . . . οὐκ ᾔδεισαν) וְלֹא, which is rhythmically easier].

וַיִּשְׁבְּרוּ] [4 MSS וַיִּשְׁבְּרוּ. & ἐπορεύθησαν, ש וְסִבְּרוּ would point to וַיִּשְׁבְּרוּ rather than (Be.) וַיִּלְכְּדוּ (so MS de Rossi 31): note also the pf. in the previous line].

14. לְאֹרֹר] We expect from v.^{13a} an enumeration of persons who rise not *at* day-break, but before it, in the dark: rd. with Carey, Wr. Reism. Be. Sgf. Perles, Bu. etc., לֹא אֹרֹר = *Before the light* (cf. 22¹⁶ עַתָּה לֹא = *before the time*); לֹא, as 34²⁴, Ps. 59⁴; cf. בְּלִי, v.¹⁰ 8¹¹ 31³⁹ (G-K. 152u).

וַיִּקְטֹּל] = *that he may kill*: cf. G-K. 120c; and in Arab. Dr. 185 (on § 27); Wright, *Ar. Gr.* ii. § 8d.

עֲנִי וְאִבְיוֹ Du. עֲרֹ וְאִבְיוֹ, thinking that the murderer would have no motive for killing the poor. But the practice is attested by the Psalmists; see Ps. 10⁸ 9 37¹⁴.

יִהְיֶה כִּגְבֹב] the jussive is out of place, and the comparison is weak. Me., cleverly and convincingly, יִהְיֶה כִּגְבֹב: so Wr. Di.² Sgf. Bu. etc. The clause is probably out of place, and should follow ¹⁵: we then get a subj. for חָתַר in ¹⁶.

15. שְׁמֵרָה] tone, as 3³ (see n.).

סִתַּר פָּנִים יִשִּׁים] *setteth, = putteth on, a face-covering* (cf. סִתַּר פָּנִים, Ps. 10¹¹ etc.): יִשִּׁים (abs.), as Ezk. 30²¹.

16a. [חתר] estr. with the acc. (בהים) as often in NH. (see examples in Levy); elsewhere in OT. the vb. is construed with ב, Ezk. 8^s 12⁵. 7 (12), Am. 9². The *digging through* implied by the vb. may be to gain entrance (Am. 9²), or exit (Ezk. 12¹²); Du. renders “*sie brechen . . . aus*”; but why any of the classes mentioned here should need to dig their way *out* either of other people’s houses (which the pl. בתים after the sing. חתר most naturally suggests), or their own (which would preferably be expressed by ביתו), is not obvious. Render: he diggeth (his way) in the darkness into houses. This is scarcely applicable to either murderers or adulterers; but most applicable to burglars whose violent entry into the wattle and clay-built houses of Palestine was spoken of as a *digging through* (מחתרת, Ex. 22¹, Jer. 2³⁴; cf. κλέπτει διορύσσοις, Mt. 6¹⁹). The probability that 14^b (mentioning the thief) immediately preceded 16a (describing a proverbial activity of the thief) is, therefore, great. Moreover, the present text appears to devote two stichoi (14a. b) to the murderer, one only to the thief (14^c), three to the adulterer (15a. b. c); the transposition gives two (14^c. 16a) rather than three (14^c. 16a. 16b) (see below) to the thief. Du. defends the existing arrangement of the text on the ground that the thief was too vulgar a character to be worth more than a single stichos. Yet a further point in favour of connecting 14^c with 16a, which at the same time favours separating 16a and 16b: in 16a חתר is sing., in 16b חתמו is pl.: Be.^K would assimilate by reading חתם in 16b or, with ש, חתרו in 16a. But if 16a goes with 14^c the sing. is right; and if 16b goes with 16c the pl. in b is right. Then the section begins v.¹³ with a general description of the avoiders of light in the pl., in 14–16a describes three classes of them separately in the sing., and then 16b–17 (in 17^b read יכירו) concludes with a general description in the pl.—a very natural and appropriate arrangement.]

16. [חתמו למו] have *sealed themselves up*, fig. for *shut themselves up*. So only here: the only passages cited by PS. and Levy for the same sense in Aram. is this in שט. למו, the acc., as אבין לו, 9¹¹. [If למו is a late (5² n.) equivalent for אותם, cf. G-K. 135k.]

16c. Θ agrees with fl ; but "^{16c} is too short and ^{17a} is too long; transpose, therefore, יחדן to ^{16c}" (Bu.).

17. **בִּקֵּר**] Du. בִּקְרִי, § Be. בִּקְרִי, destroying the forcible fig. of the Heb.; and would בִּקֵּר (v. *Lex.*) be suitable here?

^b is so closely connected with ^a (note כי) that יכירו would be better.

[בלהות Du. הַלְבוֹת (cf. ¹³ הָרָבִיז), with עֲלֵמָה (or a synonym) for צִלְמוֹת (repeated by error from ^a) [a common form of error: see Gray, *Forms*, p. 295 f.].

18. קל הוא] so Θ (Θ); but (cf. ^b) Bu. Be. Oo. קלי. Du. keeps $\mathfrak{M}$, making ^{18a} ("if not wholly corrupt") the end of ¹⁷, but giving the words a strained sense.

Be. (with a?) לפני יוםם, "before their day" (cf. 15³²); but קלו means "move swiftly," not "pass away swiftly."

לא יפנה דרך פְּרָמָם Bi. Be. Bu. Ho. [לא יפנה דְּרֹךְ כְּרָמִים
 “no treader (Is. 16¹⁰) turneth towards their vineyard,” because,
 viz., there are no grapes in it to tread. [In **𐤁** the same sing.
 subj. as in ^a reappears after the pl. in ^b. The idiom is as in
 1 S. 13¹⁸; **וְדֶרֶךְ**, *the way of*, i.e. *to*, as Gn. 3²⁴.]

19. [גם] as Ps. 107⁵: see *Lex.* s.v. גם, I, end.]

אֶשְׂאוֹל חֲטָאוֹ G-K. 155n,—though the ellipse is hard: ^a and ^b also balance each other very imperfectly. [Nor does the v. yield a good example of 2 : 2 : 2; cf. *Forms*, 171n. and p. 182.] It is, however, difficult to emend satisfactorily. אֶשְׂאוֹל has εἶτ' ἀνεμνήσθη αὐτοῦ ἡ ἁμαρτία, seemingly (Bi.) = אֶשְׂאוֹל חֲטָאוֹ (*is asked for*),—i.e. the same consonants: U also has *peccatum eius*. “Snow water” may have been specified as poor in quality, and not fed from a source, so that it rapidly dries up. It is possible that מִימֵי שֶׁלֵּג and מִימֵי שֶׁלֵּג were originally variants, afterwards combined into מִימֵי שֶׁלֵּג; Bu. omits מִימֵי שֶׁלֵּג. Grimme צִיָּה גַם חֶם יְגוּלוֹ מִימֵי יֶשְׁלֶךְ אֶשְׂאוֹל חֲטָאוֹ; but (Bu.) would not חֲטָאוֹ be preferable to יֶשְׁלֶךְ? בּוֹ or ! (14^{11f. 19}) would express the comparison more distinctly; and ^b, if it were necessary, might be re-written more forcibly וְאֶשְׂאוֹל חֲטָאִים תַּחֲטֹף (Ps. 10⁹), or וְאֶשְׂאוֹל חֲטָאִים יִהְיֶה (go down to Sheol).

20. מִתְקַן רַמָּה] the msc. vb. by G-K. 1450, though מִתְקַן

would be an easy emendation. The structure of the verse is, however, unusual, consisting of four clauses, the first three being very short. Those who think that metre will not permit this, accordingly emend; though surely the context would make it plain what רחם was intended, and Bu.'s contention that, if the word were right, רחמו or רחמו would be expected, is more than can be maintained. Be. Du. Bu. for ^a read רחב מקמו יִשְׁבַּחְהוּ רחב מקמו רמה עוד לא יזכר is unexceptionable (cf. שער מקמו, Ru. 4¹⁰, Be.); but רמה, to judge from usage, would mean only *his* (physical) *loftiness* (Pr. 25³), or *his haughtiness* (Is. 21¹¹, 17); it is thus not "seine Grösse" (Be., Bu. text); and "seine Erhebung" (Bu. note) would be rather שִׁאֲתוּ. The context speaks only of ordinary men, not of one of whom "exaltation" (in any sense of the word) may be specially predicated. רמה for רמה is thus doubtful. [Yet it remains probable that לא יזכר is the parallel term to יִשְׁבַּחְהוּ (cf. the parallelism in Is. 54⁴), the one term standing at the beginning of the first line, the other at the end of the second line of a 3:3 distich—a frequent and effective scheme of parallelism (Gray, *Forms*, p. 69f.). To avoid the objections urged against רמה, we might read רמה (cf. Ps. 83⁵) and so obtain, by adopting also the above emendation of the first line, an effective and rhythmically regular distich:

The square of his (native-) place forgetteth him,
And his name is remembered no more;

then cf. 18¹⁷.]

מתקן] מתקן will not mean "feed sweetly on" (EVV.), but have the common Syr. sense of the $\sqrt{\text{}}$, to *suck*.

ותשבר] Bu. ותשבר, needlessly.

21. רעה] רעה, to *graze on*, is used fig. of foes *depasturing* or *stripping* a country (Mic. 5⁵; cf. Jer. 6³), and even (if the text is right) the *head* (Jer. 21¹⁶ יָרֵעֶנָּה קֶדְקֶד); also of the wind (Jer. 22²²), or fire (Jb. 20²⁰), *feeding on* people; but it is a strange fig. to use of one "fleeing" (as we might say) a woman who is barren. דמרע; Be. Bu. דמרע, *ill-treateth* (sq. acc., as Nu. 16¹⁵, 1 S. 25³¹ al.).

יִיטִיב] G-K. 70d. Rd. יִיטִיב.

22. [ומִשָּׁךְ וג'] The subj. must be God—whether He is not named, whether, as 3²⁰, from a sense of reverence (Di.), or simply from its being evident from the context who is intended (Di. on 3²⁰ cites for this 8¹⁸ 12¹³ 16⁷ 20²³ 22²¹ 25² 27²² 30¹⁹), or whether (Bu.) the name should be restored (בִּנְחוּ אֲבִיר וְיִשָּׁךְ). וְיִשָּׁךְ, to *draw out, continue, pro. o. i. g.*, elsewhere of mercy, Ps. 36¹¹ 109¹² (cf. Neh. 9³⁰), anger (Ps. 85⁶), here in the sense of *maintaining in life*. Buhl, Be.^T וְיִשָּׁךְ אֲבִיר יָמָיו בִּנְחוּ, “and the mighty *prolongs his life* by his strength,” making the אֲבִיר himself determine the length of his life; but (Bu.) the agent (v.²³) is God. Bi.² Be.^K Du., attaching the clause to 21 and making the godless the subject, read אֲבִירִים (Ἐ ἀδυνάτους) for אֲבִירִים, giving the clause an entirely different sense, and *draweth away* (to destruction: Ps. 28³, cf. 10⁹) *them that are perishing by his might*.

[ולא יאמין] a circumstantial cl. = *when* (or *though*) he believeth not, etc. (42³, Is. 45^{4, 5}, Ps. 44¹⁸ 139¹⁶; Dr. 159, end).

[בַּחַיִּין] G-K. 87e; cf. on 4². But rd. probably בַּחַיִּין (so 3 MSS: it cannot be proved that ἘΣΥ read בחיין). [The singulars in 22^b—יָקוֹם, יָאֵמֵן—if parallel (as in ff) to the pl. אֲבִירִים in 22^a, though this would not be without analogy (21³⁰ n), are suspicious. It would be easy to read יָקוֹמוּ בחיין (or, less easily, בחייהם). Du. (after Bi.) connects 22^b with 23^a, which is like 22^b ff in the sing., and also with 23^b where he emends to דִּרְכּוֹ: reading יָקָם for יָקוֹם, חַיִּין for חַיִּין, and יָבִטָה for יָתֵן לוֹ לִבָּטָה (thus getting rid of לוֹ (see next n.)), he obtains a good balanced parallelism for 22^b, 23^a.

If he is punished, he reckons not on his life,

If he is pulled down, he has no hope of finding support.]

23. [לִבָּטָח] if correct, must be for לִבָּטָח; but this is very forced. Rd. (Bu. Be.) לִבָּטָח; cf. 2 Ch. 20¹⁰ (more commonly with acc. of obj., as Gn. 20⁶ לִנְעֹת לְנֶחֱדָה, or Nu. 21²³ וְלֹא נָתַן אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲבָרָה. Lex. 679a, g).

[עִינֵיהֶו] so, with a dual or pl. noun, only 7 times (G-K. 91l

[add 1 S. 14⁴⁸, Pr. 29¹⁸]; Ols. 248, Sta. 206; Wright, *Comp. Gr.* 158): with a *sing.* noun, see on 25³. [But the form here may be corrupt: the line is short, and G ($\alpha\lambda\lambda\alpha\ \pi\epsilon\sigma\epsilon\iota\tau\alpha\iota\ \nu\acute{o}\sigma\omega$) appears to differ from H : עיני יהוה would be an easy emendation, but against the usage of the book: עיני אלהים more difficult.]

24. [רָבִי] a very remarkable form: apparently from רָבִים, of the form רָבִי, assumed to have been a || form of רוּם; cf. רָבִי, Gn. 49²³: Kōn. i. 335 f., G-K. 69m. But, if the verb is right (*v.i.*), there is no reason why רָבִי should not be read.

וְאֵינָם the sg. may stand, even if רוּם be retained (cf. Jer. 31¹⁵ אֵינִי עַל בְּנֵיהֶם פִּי אֵינִי): if רוּם be read, it, of course, occasions no difficulty. The pl. in SH is merely accommodation to Syr. and Lat. idiom, and not proof that the translators read וְאֵינָם, or even וְאֵינָם: EVV. have “they are not”; and their translators certainly read וְאֵינָם. If the v. describes (as a mark of God’s favour) the quick and easy death of the oppressor, we must render (Ew. Del. Di.), “They are exalted: (yet) a little while, and they are not” (cf. עֹרֵם מַעַט וְ, Ex. 17⁴ al.); if it describes (as a mark of God’s disfavour) his rapid fall, it is more natural to render (though Bu., adopting the same view, renders as Ew. etc.), “They are exalted for a little, and they are not”; or, reading with G ($\tau\acute{o}\ \upsilon\psi\omega\mu\alpha\ \alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon$), Bi. Du. Be.^K, רוּם, “His exaltation is but for a little, and he is not.”

וְהֵבִי] G-K. 67y; cf. וְהֵבִי, Dt. 1⁴⁴; תָּתֵם, c. 22³. מִכָּן to be *brought low*, Ps. 106⁴³, Qoh. 10¹⁸†: in Pesh. מִכָּן stands for עֲנָה, ταπεινώω, and מִכָּן for הֵשִׁיחַ or הֵשִׁיבִיל (Is. 25⁶ 26⁵). [Du. (cp. Be.^K) reads יִמָּל, יִקְפֹּץ, הֵמָּךְ all in the sing., supposing that the plurals were substituted in consequence of רוּם being misunderstood as a vb. in the pl. Yet would such a scribal emender have varied the pl. endings—ן, once, ו, twice?]

כָּל] הַכֹּל = *the totality of all things*, is rather common in late Heb. (*Lex.* כָּל, 2b, b); but hardly in the sense of *all men*. Nu. 16²⁹ is compared; but אֵם בְּמֹת כָּל-אָדָם is not parallel ([cp. rather] 1 Ch. 29¹² end). G ὥσπερ μολοχὴ = בְּמֹת (30⁴), as *mallows*, or *salt-wort*, a desert plant, which grows abundantly

in salt marshes and on the shores of the Mediterranean and Dead Sea. The || in ^c strongly supports a plant (Be.).

יקבצון קבין is to *draw together, shut close*, especially of the hand (Dt. 15⁷) and mouth (c. 5¹⁶); here, if correct, *draw themselves together, contract themselves* in death (Di. Bu.: EVV. *are taken out of the way*, RVm. *are gathered in*, are both too free paraphrases: AVm. correctly, “*Heb. are closed up*”). Ol. Hont. MS ^{Ken. 223} יקבצון (for burial, Hos. 9⁶, Ezk. 29⁵; unduly anticipating ^c, Di.); Be.^T Sgf. יקטשון, *are plucked off* (8¹²; 30⁴ of mallows).

יפלו] So Ps. 37². An incorrect form for יפלו (in pause), from מלל—Qal, if the meaning be *are withered*, Nif. if it be *are cut off* (see on 14²).

25. וואם לא אפר] 9^{24b}.

וישם] rd. וישם; 2 MSS have וישם. Cf. on 13²⁷.

לאל] אל only here as a subst. The use is against analogy, and the meaning of אל: rd. probably לאל; see Is. 40²³ הגותן רוזנים לאין (cf. בָּאֵן, Is. 40¹⁷ 41^{11. 12}).

CHAPTER XXV.

2. **הַמִּשְׁלַּח**] Inf. abs., with force of a subst.; cf. **הַשְּׁמֵר**, Is. 14²³; **הַפֶּצֵר** (in p. **הַפְּצֵר**), 1 S. 15²³; Ew. § 156c; G-K. 85c (but this form is not mentioned).

עֲשֵׂה] in loose apposition to the sf. in **עָמָו**; cf. on 12¹⁷.

3. **אוֹרְחָיו**] the sf., as in **לְמִינָהוּ**, Gn. 1¹². 12 (+ 12 times); **פִּלְגִּישָׁהוּ**, Jg. 19²⁴; **מוֹטָהוּ**, Nah. 1¹³ † (G-K. 91d; Wright, *C. Gr.* 155). Cf., with a pl. noun, 24²³. **Ἐ** μὴ γάρ τις ὑπολάβοι ὅτι ἐστὶν παρέλκυσις (*delay*: HP 248 *marg.*, cited by Be., explains by *ὑπερθεσις τῆς τιμωρίας*) *πειραταῖς* (= **גִּדּוּר**, Hos. 6⁹; cf. *πειρατήριον* = **גִּדּוּר**, 19¹², Gn. 49¹⁹, Ps. 17 (18)²⁰); *ἐπὶ τίνας δὲ οὐκ ἐπελεύσεται ἔνεδρα παρ' αὐτοῦ*; whence Du. Be.^K **אֲוֹרְבוּ**, "And against whom will *his ambush* not arise?"

5. **עַד**] like Lat. *adco* = *even*: elsewhere, except 1 S. 2⁵ **עַד־עֲקָרָה יֵלְדָה** (where the text is dub.; v. Comm.), only with a *neg.*, Ex. 14²⁸ (**עַד אֶחָד לֹא נִשְׁאָר עַד אֶחָד**), al. (*Lex.* 724b, 3).

וְלֹא] after the *casus pendens*; Dr. 124; G-K. 143d; cf. 15¹⁷ 20^{18b} 23¹². But 47 MSS have **לֹא** alone.

וַיֹּאדָהוּ] for **וַיֵּלֶל**, 31²⁶, Is. 13¹⁰ (cf. c. 41¹⁰ **וַיִּתְּחַלֶּה**); and no doubt an error for it. **Ἐ** ἐπιφάσκει.

CHAPTER XXVI.

2. **לֹא כַח** poetical for **לֹא כִּחַ** לו; so ^{3a}; Is 40²⁰ **לֹאִין** לוֹאִין = אוֹנִים, **לֹאִין** לוֹאִין = אוֹנִים, 59¹⁰ **בְּאִין עֵינִים**, 2 Ch. 14¹⁰ **לֹאִין כַּח**: G-K. 152^v, 155ⁿ (*d*).

לֹא עוֹ a circumstantial clause qualifying **זִרְעוּ** = *strengthless*: see on 12²⁴.

3. **תוֹשִׁיָה** see on 5¹².

לְרַב according to abundance = abundantly (*Lex.* 516 i, 914a), especially frequent in Chr. (Dr. *LOT*.⁹ p. 535 (no. 2)). Grä. **לְרַבֵּר**, to the boorish; Rsk. Be.^K **לְרַבֵּר** (to assimilate the line in form to ² and ^{3a}).

4. **הַנִּיר** with acc. of the person told is rare and doubtful: 2 S. 15³¹ rd. **וְלִדְוֹר הַנִּיר**; 2 K. 7^{9, 11} **בֵּית הַמֶּלֶךְ** may be quite naturally understood as “in the king’s palace”; Jb. 17⁵ **רַעִים** are the people reported about (as Jer. 20¹⁰): 31³⁷ may be explained by G-K. 117^x; there remains only this passage and Ezk. 43¹⁰. Rd. probably **אֵל** (Ex. 19⁹ al.) for **אֵת** in both; [or with Du., treat **אֵת מִי** as equal to *with whose help* (cf. ^b); **אֵת** = *with the help of* (*Lex.* 86a, top), is rare, and the examples on one ground or another more or less uncertain: see Gn. 4¹ 49²⁵, Mic. 3⁸; but cf. **עַם**, 1 S. 14⁴⁵].

5. [In respect both of rhythm and parallelism, the text is open to suspicion. In **יְהוֹלִלּוּ מִתְּהִתָּה** (**יְהוֹלִלּוּ**) the rhythm is very anomalous (2:3; cf. *Forms*, 176 ff.), parallelism non-existent, and the cæsura between ^a and ^b very slight; if, with Ley, Ehrlich, we place the athnakh under **יְהוֹלִלּוּ**, parallelism is obtained, and a rhythm (3:2) which, though uncommon in Job, is not unparalleled (17¹³ n.); the particular type of parallelism, however, though common enough elsewhere (*Forms*, 75 f.), would be very unusual in Job, and the sense not altogether satisfactory. The emendations which have been

suggested only partly obviate the questionable form of the verse, or fail to improve the sense. In addition to the conjectures noticed below, the following may be mentioned: הָן רַפָּאִים for הרפאים (Be.^T); insert מִפְּנֵי, מִמֶּנּוּ, מִקּוּלוֹ, or the like, before מַחַח (Bu., if ^a be considered too short).]

[הַרְפָּאִים] הָן; but Θ (= Θ) ἢ γέγοντες μαιωθήσονται; Σ μὲ θεομάχοι θορυβήσουσιν; Ἀ μὲν ῥαφαεὺ ὠδίνουσιν, all read הרפאים; and so Richter.]

[יְהוֹלִלּוּ] if correct, Po'lel of הוּל, *are made to tremble* (properly, it seems, to *turn* or *writhe* in pain, then, more generally, to *quiver* in fear), though the Po'lel does not occur in the sense of *make to tremble*: the Hithpo'lel מַחַחֵלּוּ does, however, mean (15²⁰) *writhing* in pain = (mentally) *tormented*. Grimme, Bu. יִחַלּוּ לוֹ, "tremble before him"; but הוּל is construed only with מִפְּנֵי (Ps. 96⁹ al.) or מִלִּפְנֵי (Ps. 114⁷): יָרָא and פָּחַד also are construed not with ל, but with מִן or מִפְּנֵי. If יְהוֹלִלּוּ is deemed doubtful, יִחַלּוּ or יִחַלּוּן must be read. AV. *are formed* (to *form*, also, in AV. for הוּלל, v.¹³, Dt. 32¹⁸, Pr. 26¹⁰; to *make*, c. 15⁷; in AV. and RV. Ps. 90²; *was shapen*, Ps. 51^{7 (5)}, AV. RV.) is a misrendering due to Kimchi (עֲנִין יִצְרָה): הוּלֵל may indeed mean to *give birth to* (lit. to *be in pain with*), but not to *form* or *shape*: to *be brought forth*, however, is not here a suitable sense. [Ἀ, Richter יְהוֹלִלּוּ—I could believe the Titans were in labour, and their defiant spirit finding utterance in you; but this is very forced.]

[מִתַּחַת] = מִתַּחַת or מִלְּתַּחַת, as Gn. 1⁹ [but here possibly = *from under*], Ezk. 1⁸ [here possibly = (projecting) *from under*] 42⁹ 46²³ (Lex. 1066a, III. 2a [G-K. 119c]). Be. needlessly, יִתַּחַת [Ley, מִתַּחַת—and so Ehrlich, to improve the parallelism and avoid מִמֶּה לְמִים for מִמֶּה לְמִים].

[וּשְׁכֵנֵיהֶם] Me. Bi.¹ Du. Honth. St. מִשְׁכְּנֵיהֶם (without ו), "beneath the waters are their dwellings" = whose dwellings are beneath the waters; [but this is poor in sense, in addition to leaving the rhythm (2:3) as questionable, and the parallelism as imperfect as in הָן. Richter מִשְׁכְּנֵיהֶם, carrying forward הֵם—corrected to הָן—to v.⁶].

6. . . . וְאֵין עֵרוֹם] cf. 24⁷.

7. [נָטָה] for the ptc. in loose apposition to the suffix in נָטָה, see on 12¹⁹.

בְּלִימָה a poet. compound = בְּלִי מָה, (what is) *not aught* (*Lex.* 116a, 553b, 3).

8. [צָרַר לְיוֹם], with “incomplete retrocession” of the tone; the tone of צָרַר being thrown back, because of the following tone-syll. (צִיִּי), but the long vowel *sērē* retained, though in a closed toneless syll., by the metheg (G-K. 29f; Baer, *Metheg-Setzung*, § 13); cf. Nu. 24²².

9. [מִצָּחָיו] The Pi. only here; but (Be. Du.) the מ may be dittographed from ^{sb}(end), in which case מִצָּחַ will be read. מִצָּחַ, usually to *take hold* of, has sometimes, in speaking of a building, the sense of to *fasten together* (1 K. 6¹⁰; Hof. 2 Ch. 9¹⁸); but here, it seems, it must have (as in Neh. 7³ of gates) the Aram. sense of *holding* (with a bar), *i.e.* of *shutting, closing in* (so [מִצָּחַ] = *καλείειν*, Mt. 6⁶ and often; PS. 115-116).

בָּבֶה [בָּנִי בָבֶה], as 1 K. 10¹⁹, for בָּבֶה, which is read by some 70 MSS. But the pronoun is needed: rd. (Hi. al.) בָּבֶהָ (הָ—י: Dr. *Samuel*², xxxii f.; G-K. 91e) or בָּבֶהָ. Du. Be.^K בָּנִי בָבֶה, holdeth firm the *corner-stones* of his throne; but בָּנִי for בָּנִי is a doubtful form; שָׁעַר הַבָּנִים, Zec. 14¹⁰, is open to the suspicion of being an error for שָׁעַר הַבָּנִי, as 2 K. 14¹³, Jer. 31³⁸, 2 Ch. 26^{9†}; if correct, also, בָּנִים, like בָּנִי, Zeph. 1¹⁶ 3⁶, 2 Ch. 26¹⁵, will mean probably *fortified corners, battlements*: for בָּנִי, Pr. 7⁸, see on 11⁹. For “pillars” (Strahan) there is no support. I.E. Hi. Wr. Bu. Be. for בָּבֶה point בָּבֶה (Ps. 81⁴, Pr. 7²⁰ בָּבֶה †), *full-moon*; but some important fact relating to the structure, or permanent order, of heaven or earth would be expected, rather than the mere closing in of the face of the moon, whether by clouds or by an eclipse.

[פָּרִשָׁיו] so, with MSS in general, Kit. Gi.; Baer—partly (see p. 48) on the authority of two good MSS (F = a Frankfurt Cod. of A.D. 1294, and H = one of Heidenheim's), and partly because ancient renderings (*v.i.*) and explanations presuppose פָּרִשָׁ, to *spread out*, not פָּרִשָׁ, to *separate* or *divide*—פָּרִשָׁ. The latter is etymologically better; for, however the word be explained, the meaning is evidently *spreading out*; and this

is expressed not by פָּרִיט, but by פָּרִיט. The form is anomalous: in any case it is an inf. abs. (Hi. De. etc.), not a pf. (which would be פָּרִיטָה), to be explained by G-K. 1134. As it stands, it is a quadriliteral form, derived (Del., G-K. 56) from a Pil'el פָּרִיטָה, with a "euphonic" change of the first פִּי to פִּי, and of the second to י, or (Kön. ii. 464) by dissimilation from פָּרִיטָה (though פָּרִיט is to *separate*, not to *spread out*). But these explanations are highly artificial; and it is far more probable that פָּרִיט is merely a textual error for פָּרִיט—whether this be vocalized (Hfm., Stade (*HB.*), Du.) פָּרִיט, or better (Bu.) פָּרִיט (inf. abs. from פָּרִיט, to *spread out*). G (Θ) ἐκπετάζων, S פָּרִיטָה, T פָּרִיט, Y expandit.

10. חֹק חָג [חֹק חָג †, if correct, will mean to *circumscribe*; so G πρόσταγμα ἐγύρσασεν, S ὅρον περιέγραψεν, Y terminum circumdedit aquis: cf. Syr. ܡܢܝܐ, *circumivit*, once (PS. 1217 from Bar Hebræus) *circumduxit*, "he *drew round* a circle (ܡܢܝܐ ܡܢ ܗܝܐ) on the earth"; ܡܢܝܐ, a *circle*, γῦρος, PS. 1217f; and ܡܢܝܐ, a *circumscribing instrument*, i.e. a *compass*, Is. 44¹³ †: Levy quotes from T only חֹק חֹגְתָא, Pr. 8²⁷ עג עוגה (ܡܢܝܐ ܡܢ ܗܝܐ, Heb. בְּחֹקוֹ חֹג), and Ta'anith 3⁸ ועמד בחוכה (חג חוגה =), *drew a circle*, and stood in its midst. חֹק, as was pointed out on 14⁵, means *something prescribed*—in different applications, there and 14¹³ a *prescribed limit* in time; here and 38¹⁰ (see *n.*), if ܡܢܝܐ is right, it will mean a *prescribed limit* in space, or a *bound*; in Jer. 5²², Pr. 8²⁹ (בְּיָמֵינוּ חֹק), Ps. 148⁶ (all of the sea), however, the sense *decree, ordinance*, suffices—in Jer. 5²² גְּבוּל is the *physical* boundary. But the || Pr. 8²⁷ פני תהום חֹק חֹגְתָא strongly supports the conjecture (Mich. Hfm. Bu. Du. Be.; cf. T עג עוגה ܡܢܝܐ ܡܢ ܗܝܐ, Heb. בְּחֹקוֹ חֹג)—or better, as the biliteral form in the 3 pp. of verbs ע"ע is usually intransitive (G-K. 67bb), חֹק חֹג—he hath *marked out a circle* (the horizon) on the face of the waters: for the sense of חֹק see Pr. 8²⁹ (unless ܡܢܝܐ is to be read), as well as 8²⁷. In 22¹⁴ (see *n.*), Is. 40²² חֹק must denote the vault of heaven (apparently) resting upon the horizon.

[ער] Be.^K “prps. יער,” *i.e.* “he hath appointed”; a vb. would improve the parallelism, but this is scarcely the vb. that would be expected here.]

II. ירופפו †] Ar. *raffu* means (among many other things) to *quiver* or *throb* (of the eye), and *rafrafa* to *flap* (the wings); see Lane, 1116*a*, *b*: and Levy quotes from 𐤔 Jb. 9⁶ ועמודיה מתרפפין (= יתפלפלן), Gn. 44¹⁸ Ps.-J. ורפפיה, and *shook* it (the pillar supporting the palace).

12. רנע [רגע (1) is to *stir up* (Is. 51¹⁵ = Jer. 31³⁵ וַיִּהְיוּ רִנְעַת הַיָּם וַיִּהְיוּ רִנְעַת הַיָּם); רנע (2) to *be at rest* (on the etymology of both words, *v. Lex.*); not elsewhere in Qal; but in Nif. Jer. 47⁶ הִרְנַעְתִּי וְדָמִי *repose*, and be still †, and in Hif. Jer. 31² 50³⁴ al. Whichever view (*v.s.*) be adopted of the meaning of the *v.*, whether it is taken to refer to the *present* order of the world, or to what was supposed to have happened at its creation, either of these renderings can be adjusted to it: Hi. Del., adopting the former, render *stirs up* (and afterwards calms, by transfixing ^(b) the monster, Rahab, supposed to have disturbed it), so RV.; Di. Dav. render *quiet* (making ^a parallel to ^b); Bu. Pe., adopting the latter, render *quieted* (cf. 𐤔 κατέπαυσεν), but Du. renders *stirred up* (in the sense of, incited to the contest with Himself; cf. Daiches, *ZA*, 1911, p. 2 [who treats רנע as meaning *he conquered*, and virtually equal to *šudluḫū* in *kirbiš Tiamat šudluḫū* in the Babylonian Creation Tablet, iv. l. 48]). As (*v.s.*) the latter view of the meaning of the *v.* is the more probable, and as Du.'s interpretation seems gratuitous, *quieted*—or better, as this is the sense of the Hif., *was quieted*—is the best rendering. [§ (but as Lyon, in *JBLit.* 1895, well points out, not 𐤔) Sgf. נער.]

וּבְתִבְנוֹתָו] a scribal error for וּבְתִבְנוֹתָו; cf. similar cases in Jer. 2²⁵ 17²³ 32²³. In Frensdorff's *Ochlah we-Ochlah*, § 91, there is a list of 62 such transpositions, which have been corrected by the Massorah.

13. יִשְׁפָּרָה †] *fairness* = *fair*; subst. for adj., as Ex. 17¹² etc. (Dr. 189, ii). [On this construction, the line, containing no vb., may equally well describe past or present—either the heavens (are) fair (so §), or the heavens (were) fair (so 𐤔).]

Giesebr. Be.^K שִׁפְרָה; but שִׁפְרָה is quite correct syntactically. The √ is common in Aram., but rare in Heb. (vb. Ps. 16⁶ †; אִמְרֵי טִפְפֹּר, Gn. 49²¹ †; שִׁפְרִיר, Jer. 43¹⁰ †; שִׁפְפֹּר? cognate): in Aram. it means *to be fair*, usually in the sense of *to seem fair or good* to any one (= Heb. יָטַב בְּעֵינֵי פ'), but also in the sense of *to be beautiful or bright* (Ps. 42^{7,2}, שִׁפְפֹּר (י), e.g. of gold; cf. שִׁפְפֹּר = יָפִי, Is. 33¹⁷ al.). [This defence of שִׁפְרָה is preferable to that of Daiches (*ZA*, 1911, p. 3). He regards שִׁפְרָה as 3 pf. fem., the subj. being יְדו in ^b, and the meaning of שִׁפְרָה, *to spread out*: for this meaning (so already Ra.) he appeals to the obscure שִׁפְרָר and to the Assyr. *šuparruru*, *to spread out* (Del. *HWB* 684); cf. *uš-pa-ri-ir-ma sa-pa-ra-šu*, *spread out his net* (Creation Tablet, iv. 95). But the construction assumed by Daiches is most improbable, if only on account of its destruction of the parallelism, and the strange combination *by his spirit his hand*: it should be obvious that if the poet meant God spread out the heavens, he would have written שִׁפַּר; and (immediately before הִלְלָה, H) it would not be difficult to read so, if the difficulty of the v. is to be surmounted along Daiches' lines, but see below on חִלְלָה. In view, however, of the variants in S (סִפְרָה) and G, שִׁפְרָה is not certain, even though the sense expressed by G is not acceptable. G renders] κλείθρα δὲ οὐρανοῦ δεδοίκασιν αὐτὸν = בְּרִיחֵי שָׁמַיִם שִׁפְרָה. [שִׁפְרָה as Dt. 32¹⁷ (?). On Gu.'s use of this, see exegetical n.; but the criticisms of Gu.'s interpretation by] Bu., and Gie. *GGA*, 1895, p. 592 [are in part at least forcible; see also above. A third attempt to connect ¹³ with the Babylonian myth is due to] Lyon (*JBLit.* 1895, p. 130 ff.), who proposes for * שִׁפְרָה שָׁמַיִם [or שִׁפְרָה, and renders, *By the winds of heaven he broke her (or him)*, i.e. the monster mentioned in the next line; but it may be doubted whether the phrase *the winds of heaven* is very likely here, and the pronoun, referring to the object not named till ^b, is awkward; otherwise this is, perhaps, the most attractive attempt to find in, or restore to, the text a Babylonian allusion which the context, though it does not demand it, certainly favours. Ehrlich suggests that שָׁמַיִם may conceal יָם or מִים (cf. Ps. 74¹³), but he attempts no complete reconstruction of the

line. Neither **ח** nor any of the emendations leaves the impression of being exactly what the poet wrote].

[**חללה**] as in Is. 51⁹, where the vb. is || to **המחצבת** (? read **המחצת**), this means *pierced*, not *formed*, or *created* (**ח**; cf. **ח**). Of creation **חלל**, lit. *to be in birth-pangs with*, is only used metaphorically (see on v.⁵); and with **ידו** here it would be, in spite of **ח**, unsuitable. ^b does not, therefore, refer to the creation of the sea, and this being so one of Daiches' principal arguments for finding in ^a the spreading out of the heavens at creation falls to the ground.]

14. **יִרְכְּבוּ**] so Kt. **ח** (**Θ**); Qrê **סחח**.

שִׁמְץ] 4^{12†} (see n.). RVm. = AV. *how little a portion*: see *ib.*

בו] = "*of him*": the 'ב partitive, as 21²⁵, Is. 10²² (Del.).

גבורתו] so Kt. **ח** **Σ** **סחח**; Qrê **גבורתו** = his *mighty acts* (Dt. 3²⁴, Is. 63¹⁵, Ps. 106² 145^{4, 12} al.).

CHAPTER XXVII.

1. שאת] [without ל; cf. 3⁸ n.].

2. וישידי המר . . . אל הכיר lit. *Living is God (who) hath taken away . . . and the Almighty who hath embittered*; for the omission of the rel., cf. G-K. 155f, and see on 3³.

3. כל עוד נשנתי בי] [if this be rendered *all my breath is till in me*, it is in מ] a very peculiar expression, scarcely explicable grammatically, and yet apparently supported by 2 S. 1⁹ כל עוד נפשי בי. Hos. 14³ כָּל-חַטָּאת עֲוֹן, as it stands, is incredible Hebrew [for *thou wilt take away all iniquity*; and] even the abs. כל, as an adv. acc. = *wholly* (Di. G-K. 128e), is not a Hebrew idiom. RV. here and in 2 S. 1⁹ “*is yet whole in me*”—unless regarded as a paraphrase—requires שְׁלֵמָה for כָּל. 2 S. 1⁹, therefore, if the text is correct, can only be explained as an unusual inversion, current in this expression, for עוד כל (Del. Du.), presumably for the sake of emphasizing כל; and that will justify the same construction being adopted here. In 2 S. 1⁹, however, ט^{B, A} express בי כל נפשי, while ט^L expresses בי ועוד נ': so it is possible (Klost. Bu.) that מ there has a “conflate” reading: in this case the parallel for the construction here disappears. It would, no doubt, be easy to read כל עוד for עוד כל, but it would be venturesome to do this in two passages (here and 2 S. 1⁹). [The alternative rendering adopted by] older commentators, AV. Schl. Me. RVm., and lately by Bu., is *all the while that* (lit. *all the duration of* . . . עוד being, of course, really a subst.) *my breath (is) in me*; בי will in this case introduce—as often after an oath (*Lex.* 472a, c)—the fact sworn to, followed by אִם = *not*, as 1 S. 25³⁴, 2 S. 3³⁵. [Yet] as Del. remarks, usage does not support this construction of עוד כל (as if it were similar to Arab. *kullamâ* = *as often as*).

4. [יהגה] rd. תְּהַגֶּה, after the fem. לשני, with 10 MSS; cf. G-K. 145u.

5. [אם] after חלילה (as 1 S. 24⁷, 2 S. 20²⁰) = *not* (*Lex.* 50b). Lit. *Ad profanum sit! Surely I will not justify you!* EVV. "that" for אם is, of course, a paraphrase.

מימי 1 MS G omit; and so (*m. c.*) Bi. Du.; but it gives a more forcible ending to the line, [and if retained the verse has the rhythm 4 : 4, which is unusual, but not unparalleled, in Job (21²⁸ n.). S omits אם אצדיק אתכם: this would leave the far more unusual rhythm 2 : 2 : 2 (17¹ n.)].

6. [ולא ארפה] Ca. 3⁴ אחוזתו ולא ארפנו; Pr. 4¹³ החזק במוסר אג-החרף.

[יחרף] the Qal elsewhere only in the ptc. (cf. דבר, קני; hence Bu. St. יחרף; see also next n.).

[מימי] (*any*) of my days: the מן is partitive, as Dt. 16⁴, 1 K. 18⁵ (*Lex.* 580b, bottom; G-K. 1192w, n.). מימיו, מימיו, elsewhere = *since thy (his) birth* (38¹², 1 S. 25²⁸, 1 K. 16⁶); but יחרף requires an obj. Du. יחרף is not abashed on account of my days; [Ehrlich: לא ירף לבני מהמו: giving the vb. the same sense as in ^a: the desire to improve the parallelism and style is laudable; the result, unhappy].

8. [יבצע] the Qal is elsewhere always [and was here also doubtless intended by H to be] associated with בצע, *unjust gain* [cf. ט כמח בשקר; יכנוס; cf. *SH*]: it is the Pi. which means to *cut off, finish* (6⁹, Is. 10¹² 38¹² al.): and so it is better to point יבצע (Bi. Bu. al.) or יבצע (Bu. alt.). [Possibly כי יבצע is a gloss (Be. Ehrlich): the postponement of the expressed subj. to ^b in H is awkward: so also is the repetition of כי thrice in a single distich.]

[יטל] from יטלה, only here in the sense *draw out* (cf. *L*, Ex. 2¹⁰, Ps. 18¹⁷ for מושה; יטל in *TL* Lev. 11¹⁷ and Talm. (*v.* Levy), of *drawing* a fish, etc., out of the water), viz. from the body; but the ellipse is considerable, and the juss. remains unexplained (though Di. compares Ex. 22⁴ יבער-איש (בי). Di. יטל from יטל, Ru. 2¹⁶ † (to *pull* or *draw out* from the sheaves); cf. Arab. *shalla*, to *draw out*, especially a sword from its scabbard. Schnurrer, Wellh. Wr. Sgf. Bu. Du. Be. יטאל, *requireth*; cf. Lk. 12²⁰ ἄνθρωπος ψυχῆς σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ; and יטאל נפש פ' (with a *human* subj.), 21³⁰, 1 K. 3¹¹. Perles יטאל נפשו (Ps. 24⁴; יטאל, Dt. 24¹⁵, Ps. 25¹ 86⁴ al.), yielding a good sense

in itself, but not harmonizing with **כִּי יִבְצַע**, or agreeing well with **מִה תִּקְוֶה חֲנָף**.

10. [**יִקְרָא**] Ehrlich, with **יִקְרַב** with **אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהִים** for **אֱלֹהִים**—a good parallel to ^a.]

אֱלֹהִים] rd. either with 9 MSS **אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהִים**, or with **אֱלֹהֵי**.

בְּכַל־עַתָּה] **ἔ** *ἐισακούσεται αὐτοῦ*; = **הִיעָתֶר־לּוֹ** (Be.^K) *will he let himself be entreated* (2 S. 21¹⁴ al.) *for him?* which, “as **בְּכַל־עַתָּה** is somewhat otiose, may come into consideration” for the text (Bu., though he does not adopt it in his translation).

11. **אִוְרָה אַתְּכֶם בִּיד־אֵל**] **ב'** after **הִוְרָה**, as Ps. 25^{8, 12}, Pr. 4¹¹ al. **ἔ** *ἀλλὰ δὴ ἀναγγελῶ ὑμῖν τί ἐστὶν ἐν χεῖρὶ κυρίου*, whence Be.^K **אִוְרָה אַתְּךָ מִה־בִּיד־אֵל** (which would agree with the view that the line forms part of Šophar's speech); but (Bu.) *ὑμῖν* shows that **ἔ** certainly read **אַתְּכֶם**, *τί ἐστὶν κτλ.*, though it *might* express **מִה בִּיד־אֵל**, being not necessarily more than a paraphrase of **בִּיד־אֵל**. [Moreover, for **אִוְרָה אַתְּךָ** the author would rather have written **אִוְרָךְ** (cf. 12⁷: also with 1st p. suf. 6²¹); but for **אַתְּכֶם** **א'** rather than **אִוְרָכֶם**, cf. G-K. 58a, n. Du.'s **אִוְרָךְ אַתְּ אִשֶּׁר** avoids this objection.]

עַם] See on 23¹⁴.

12. **הַבֵּל תִּהְיֶה**] cogn. acc. (G-K. 113⁷⁰, end); cf. 1 S. 1⁶, Is. 21⁷ 22^{17f.} 24¹⁶. [For the vb. cf.] Jer. 2⁵, 2 K. 17¹⁵ (of practising idolatry). **הַבֵּל** is properly *a breath* (Is. 57¹³ **וְאֶת־כָּל־הַבֵּל**: **יֵשָׁא רוּחַ יִקַּח הַבֵּל**: Syr. **وَسَمَدٌ**, *a vapour*; Ps. 62¹¹ **Σ μὴ γίνεσθε ἀτμίς** for **הַבֵּל אֵל תִּהְיֶה**), then, generally, of anything *unsubstantial* or *empty*: **הַבֵּל** is thus properly *to act emptily* (Jer. 23¹⁶, Hif., of filling with vain hopes). But see Bu. [who in his commentary, withdrawing his earlier adhesion to the view that **הַבֵּל** meant *to speak emptily*, and here, therefore, virtually *to lie*, hesitates between giving to **הַבֵּל** the meaning *to cherish false hopes, or expectations* (cf. the Hif. in Jer. 23¹⁶), which is suggested especially by Ps. 62¹¹ (**בַּטָּה** || **הַבֵּל**), and, perhaps, satisfies the context in Jer. 2⁵, 2 K. 17¹⁵, and the meaning *to come to nothing, to be destroyed*—the meaning (*der Nichtigkeit verfallen*) given by Giesebrecht for Jer. 2⁵].

13. **עַם**] either (Di.) as ^{11b} = in his mind and purpose, or (Hli. De.) = (laid up) with him (cf. Dt. 32³¹). **ἔ** *παρὰ* K. = **מֵאֵל**

(cf. 20^{20a}); so Altschüller (*ZAW*, 1886, p. 212; ע dittographed in ח).]

יִקְחוּ . . . עֲרִיעִים v.^{14ff.} have the sg. (as ^{13a}); hence Du. Bu. Be.^K יִקַּח . . . עֲרִין (ח dittographed, and יִקַּח changed to יִקְחוּ to agree with it). However [the sing. and pl. interchange in parallelism in 16¹¹], ח expresses עֲרִיעִים, and v.^{14ff.} may quite naturally refer to ^{13a} אִרְם רִשָּׁע. The case for the sg. is not so strong as in Is. 5^{23b} (ח צָדִיק; and ח מִמֶּנּוּ). [V.¹³ at present 4 : 4 (the first stichos being without a caesura): without affecting the sense it could be reduced to 3 : 3 by omitting אִרְם and (cf. 20²⁰) יִקְחוּ.]

14a. Cf. Ps. 92⁸ [where (Bi.) כִּמוֹ עֵשֶׁב is the apodosis, as is לִמּוֹ חֶרֶב here.]

לְמִי 29²¹ 38⁴⁰ 40⁴ †. See *Lex.* מִי (555b). [לְמִי is always toneless, except, apparently, in 29²¹, and in 33²², if לִמּוֹ מַתִּים is read there.]

15. יִקְבְּרוּ Ol. Me. Sgf. Be. prefix לָא; but the change is violent, and why should לָא have been omitted? [The sense would be the same as in ח (but more simply and, also, perhaps less powerfully expressed), if in ח בְּ is instrumental (*Lex.* 89b), and יִקְבְּרֵי a striking extension of the common idiom מוֹת בְּ (e.g. Jer. 21⁹). To render ח, *they shall be buried in (the time of) pestilence*, would be very weak.]

וְאֶלְמִתִּי the sg. sf., though not impossible (for it might refer to an individual among the שְׂרִידִים: G-K. 145^m), is nevertheless here harsh, and might easily be an error due to the singulars preceding. וְאֶלְמִנָּחַם (Bi. Bu. Du. Be.^K) is certainly better, though ח αὐτῶν is not decisive as to the translator's reading.

16. [מִלְבוּשׁ] ח χρυσίον; but ח is supported by יִלְבַּשׁ in ^{17a} which ח is obliged to paraphrase (περιποιήσονται).]

18. בְּעֵשׂ ὥσπερ σῆτες καὶ ὥσπερ ἀράχνη, S as a spider = בְּעֵבְבִישׁ (8¹⁴), evidently right (Me. Hi. Bu. Du. etc.): the existing text of ח has the original rendering and the correction (= ח) side by side. [Ehrlich retains עֵשׂ, giving it here as also in 4¹⁹, Ps. 39¹² the meaning (*empty*) bird's nest, עֵשׂ (not עֵשׂ as ח) being the same word as عَش, bird's nest.]

19. [עשיר] acc. of the state placed first as the emphatic word (1²¹ n.). Since *rich*, not *lie down*, is the emphatic idea, the phrases ולא יוסף (see next n.) and איננו should refer to it: *he shall no more* (be rich); *he is not* (rich).]

וְלֹא יֵאָסֵף and *is not gathered* (viz. for decent burial; cf. Jer. 8², Ezk. 29⁵ תִּקְבֵּן וְלֹא תֵאָסֵף). But this anticipates ^b: rd. with Γ (καὶ οὐ προσθήσει), Σ (כַּל נִסְמָה), Ew. Di. Del. etc., ולא יוסף, miswritten יאסף ולא (as Ex. 5⁷ תִּקְבֵּן וְלֹא תֵאָסֵף, 1 S. 18²⁹; G-K. 68b). [Rhythmically also וְלֹא-יֵאָסֵף as a single stress is preferable to וְלֹא-יֵאָסֵף. 𐤔 = 𐤕: 𐤕 (Dives, cum dormieret, nihil secum auferet) = יֵאָסֵף.]

20. תשיגהו] the fem. sg. by G-K. 145^k: 14¹⁹ 20¹¹ etc.

כמים “too weak to describe the suddenness of an inundation, for which שָׁטַף, for instance, would have been available” (Bu.); the ^b also has לילה (Me.). Hence Me. Grä. בָּיוֹם; Wr. St. Bu. יוֹמָם; Be. either. But Γ (ὥσπερ ὕδωρ), ΣΤΥ = 𐤕; and it is a matter of taste whether or not כמים would be strong enough. מים suggests sometimes considerable force (2 S. 5²⁰, Is. 28¹⁷, Am. 5²⁴, Hos. 5¹⁰). Du. retains 𐤕, remarking that in ^b “לילה is only added because, while he is asleep, a man and his house together may be more readily overwhelmed by a storm.”

21. וילך] G-K. 29^q.

וישערה] cf. Ps. 58¹⁰ יִשְׁעֶרָהּ, Hos. 13³ יִשְׁעֶר מִפְּנֵי.

22. וישלך] rd. וישלך: see on 13²⁷ 18¹². The subj. *God* is understood naturally by the reader: see on 3²⁰. Wr. Grimme עליו; but without עליו the sentence is weak.

ברוח יברה] the inf. abs. “emphasizes the flight as hasty and inevitable” (Di.).

23. Γ κροτήσῃ ἐπ’ αὐτοῦ χείρας αὐτῶν, Καὶ συριεῖ αὐτὸν ἐκ τοῦ τόπου αὐτοῦ. עלימו is more easily explained as an error for עליו due to the following כפימו than as a poetical form for עליו (see on 20²³). כפימו . . . יטפק (sg. and pl. in *one and the same* clause) is very harsh, in spite of Γ so reading, and should no doubt be corrected (cf. Hos. 4⁸, Ps. 5¹⁰ 62⁵ etc.; and see Dr. on 2 S. 24¹³): יטפקו עליו כפימו וישרקו is a great improvement. It is, however, a question whether, in the autographs of the OT.,

in cases like this, the pl. was always *written*, though it was intended to be *read*: see the instances collected in Dr. Sam. lxiii f. (²lxii-lxiv); if this were the case, יִשְׂרָקוּ and יִשְׂרָק for יִשְׂפָק and יִשְׂרָק will not be a real change of text, any more than יָקוּם is for יָפָק. יִשְׂפָק as יִשְׂפִיקוּ (in a different application), Is. 2^{6†}; elsewhere סָפַק (34³⁷ al.); cf. on 5². [Bu. notes the similarity of ^{23b} וַיִּשְׂעֲרֵהוּ מִמֶּקְמוֹ to ^{21b} וַיִּשְׂרָק עָלָיו מִמֶּקְמוֹ, and also (though the resemblance in this case is slighter) of ^{22a} וַיִּשְׁלַךְ עָלָיו וְלֹא יִחַמֵּל and ^{23a} וַיִּשְׂפַּק עָלָיו כַּפִּימוֹ, and omits ^{21b} and ^{22a} and also ^{21a}. ^{22b}. It may be admitted that the sing. referring to God unnamed in ²² followed by the sing. referring to men unnamed in ²³ is awkward; but this awkwardness disappears if ²³ was intended to be read in the pl. (see above). If the description seems over full it might be better to omit ^{20a}. ^{21b}; then ^{20b}. ^{21a} would form an admirable distich carrying on in detail the description of the night of the wicked man's doom; and followed by distichs referring to the treatment of him by God ²² and man ²³.]

CHAPTER XXVIII.

1. כִּי [In view of the relation of the exact meaning of כִּי here to the criticism of cc. 27 and 28, it is to be regretted that the note which, as the space left in the MS indicates, Dr. had intended to write was never written. Moreover, in his corrected copy of RV. neither the text *surely* nor the mrg. *for* is deleted. In a note on 28¹ in *The Book of Job* he wrote, “*for* is the natural meaning of the Hebr. word: the text [of RV.] has *surely*, because in the present context of the chapter nothing has preceded, the reason for which can be contained in the verses which now follow.” In his commentaries on, or translations of, Ex. 18¹¹, Am. 3⁷, Jer. 31¹⁹, Ps. 76¹¹ he substituted *for* for the *yea* or *surely* of EV. In *Lex.* (p. 472b) he wrote: “there seem also [*i.e.* in addition to cases in which כִּי is added to advs. and interjections “to add force or distinctness to the affirmation which follows,” see n. on 6²² 8⁶] to be other cases in which כִּי, standing alone, has an intensive force, introducing a statement with emph., *yea, surely, certainly*; but it is doubtful whether כִּי has this force in all the passages for which scholars have had recourse to it, and whether in some it is not simply = *for*.” In addition to the passages cited above in which Dr. elsewhere expressed his preference for *for*, some have given to כִּי an asseverative force in Nu. 23²³, 1 S. 17²⁵ 20²⁶, 2 K. 23²², Is. 32¹³, Jer. 22²² (where כִּי might easily be a dittograph)].

לכסף] before מוצא, for emphasis.

מוצא] *place of coming forth* (ἐκ τόπος ὅθεν γίνεταί): here, = *mine*. Elsewhere we have מוצא מים, 2 K. 2²¹ al.; מוצא דָּבָא, c. 38²⁷.

2. ואבן יציק נחושה] *And one melteth* (G-K. 144d) *stone* (= stone is melted) *into bronze*. נחושה, acc. of product (of course, not to be taken literally); cf. “Gn. 31⁴⁵, Lv. 6³ (אֵשֶׁר),

1 K. 18³² (Hi.); and on 22¹⁶. יצוק from צוק = צץ, as 29⁶, Is. 26¹⁶ צקן (corrupt) †; cf. מצץ, 1 S. 2⁸ † (קצוק, 1 S. 14⁵ dittogr.); the 3 sg., as 3-4. 9-11 (Di.). A √ צוק, however, depends only on the punctuation: rd. probably (Hfm. Sta.) יצק (from צץ, as Gn. 28¹⁸ al.; G-K. 71); so also Du. Be.^K (with יקח in ^a). Bu. יצוק or יצקי, or better יצק, originally יצק (so Be.^T), to agree with יקח.

3. [חוקר . . . שם] the second vb. necessarily, if ח is correct, and, therefore, most naturally the first vb. also, are participles describing, by a usage, rare and chiefly late in Biblical Hebrew (Dr. § 135 (1) Obs.), a fact liable to *recur*—here, viz., what happens in every mine that is opened. But the pf., as in 4. 9-11, would be more normal: hence Du. Be.^K חקר. The subj. of שם is indef., as is occasionally the case when the predicate is a part. (Dr. § 135 (6)); but it is curious that in ^b הוא should refer to the unnamed subj. of ^a: hence some omit הוא (Be.^K ? Du.), others insert אדם (Bu.), or אנוש (Bi.) after שם. Rhythmically ^b would be improved by the omission, ^a by the insertion; the two consecutive monosyllabic feet at the beginning of ^a give a rhythmical effect that is, at least, exceedingly unusual (cf. 26¹⁰ ח; but read חקק). On the other hand, had the writer wished to express the subj. אדם or אנוש, he would have been likely to do so in v.², if he had not already done so in a previous v., now lost. Sgf. reduces the v. from a tristich to a distich by omitting ^c, with its striking phrasing, altogether; if tristichs were never used by the author, Du. would be more on right lines in obtaining a distich by emending חקן שם into a single vb. (בקש; but ?), omitting הוא, and also (with two Hebr. MSS) the ו of הכל. ^c, but also ^a, was absent from E: see Be.^T. Richter for הוא . . . לחשך proposes לחשך תהום היכלי—a very strange phrase and a harsh rhythm.]

קץ] the emphatic word in the sentence.

[תבלית] 11⁷ 26¹⁰.

[4. Another tristich, if ח is correct; in this case מני רגל must be taken with הנשכחים, and this yields a very strange phrase, though it has commonly been accepted without demur. Further (1) הנשנחים מני-רגל, though a possible, is not a very

probable three-stressed line; (2) מִי־רָגַל דָּלוּ and מִאֲנֹי־נָעוּ look like parallel expressions: yet as such they would produce 2 : 2 rhythm, which is very rare in Job (19¹⁴ n.). Possibly, then, מִאֲנֹי־ is a gloss on רָגַל, and נָעוּ on דָּלוּ, which is used here in a rare sense. If the last two words be omitted, a rhythmically good distich 3 : 3 is left. But strange, if not questionable usages, remain. Nowhere else does נָחַל mean *a shaft*, the meaning adopted by most recent scholars, nor a *gallery* of a mine (Siegfr.-Sta.); nor has פָּרִץ elsewhere quite the force it must have here, if נָחַל means shaft; nor is מֵעַם elsewhere used to express *away from*, *far from*, for which מִן is commonly used, as in מִאֲנֹי־ in ^c (see, further, *Lex.* 578a, bot.): *Lex* (769^a) cites only this passage for מֵעַם = *away from*, adding "si vera l." Unusual also, and indeed in Hebrew unique, is the meaning of דָּלוּ, *to hang, dangle* (here presumably on the rope by which the miner is let down the shaft); commonly דָּלַל in Hebrew means *to languish, be weak or poor* (hence AV. RVm. here, *they are minished*), and the adj. דָּל, *weak, poor*; and دَلَّ in Arabic commonly means *to direct aright, guide*: but the root must at an early stage of its history have developed as a third principal meaning *to waver, hang down, dangle*, for traces of this meaning survive in several languages: in Hebrew in addition to דָּלוּ here, if the v. refers to a miner's mode of descent, cf. דָּלָה, *thrum*, i.e. threads of warp *hanging* from the loom (Is. 38¹²), or *hair*, as that which *hangs* from the head (Ca. 7⁶); in Eth. cf. ስሳ፡ *hanging* locks of hair; in Arabic دَلَّل means *to put in motion a thing suspended*; تَدَلَّل, *to move about hanging down, to dangle* and then *to vacillate*, as in تَدَلَّلُوا بَيْنَ أَمْرَيْنِ فَلَمْ يَتَّقِدِمُوا, *they vacillated between two affairs and did not favour the right course* (Lane, 901a), and the adj. دَلَّل is used similarly (ib. 902a). Grä. may be right in eliminating the strange מֵעַם נִר by redividing מֵעַם into נִרְמָה (see below): then הַנִּשְׁכָּחִים is (or something of which it is the corruption was) the synonymous parallel to עִם-נִר, the form of parallelism (down to דָּלוּ) being then of the type described in *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, p. 67 f. If מֵעַם נִר אֲזַר (see below), or rhythmically better מֵעַם-אֲזַר (but not נִר מֵעַם, which Peake is inclined to adopt from

Ley, for this would mean not *away from the light*, but very unsuitably *away from the lamp*), were read for מעם־גר, parallelism of the same type could be attained by reading בחיך for הנשכחים of which the ך was perhaps not read by E (see below), and the ם(י) may have arisen from the מ of מני. The strangeness and difficulties of the verse are only partially and very hazardingly met by the suggestions that רנל here has the meaning of the Arabic جَل, *men* (Ehrlich), that מאנוש has the same force as in Is. 52¹³ (*in no ordinary human manner they swing to and fro*, Hitz.), or that v.^{3c} is the direct acc. of פרץ, *they break through the stones of darkness* (and so obtain) *a shaft* (Honth.). Marshall, pointing גר, renders *the stream burst in from the lime-stone*, keeping nearer to the normal use of נחל, but obtaining the idea, also rather curiously expressed, of the flooding of a mine, which is out of harmony with v.¹¹ and also with the leading thought of the passage—man's skill; cf. Peake.]

גר | מעם גר] “from the sojourner” cannot be right. EVV. “from *where* men sojourn” is an illegitimate paraphrase. E (Θ) (ἀπὸ κοινίας (= גר: Drus. Field, Di.; cf. Dn. 5⁵, and E Dt. 27², Am. 2¹); so also ’ΑΣ [Sgf. בַּעֲפָר]. Bi.¹, neatly and admirably, מעם־גר אור: so Bu.; Be.^K מְרַנְּבִים (21³³), poor. Grä. ingeniously עֲסִינִי עֲסִינִי, a sojourning people (foreign miners) break open shafts.

הנשכחים מני] “*they that are forgotten by* (24¹: or *away from*) *the foot* (sc. that passeth over),”—a closer definition of the subj. of פרץ, just as 30³, Ps. 18³³ 19¹¹ 49⁷, with change from sg. to pl.: RV. “*they are forgotten* . . .” (= נשכחו) is an impossible rendering of הני.

דלו מאנוש געו] the accents connect דלו מאנוש: see 6b 32^{8b}. E οἱ δὲ ἐπιδανθανόμενοι ὁδὸν δικαίαν (= השכחים מעגל, with δικαίαν added, as Ps. 2¹¹) ἡσθένευσαν ἐκ βροτῶν makes the v. teach an excellent moral truth, unfortunately, however, wholly alien to the context.

5. תחתיה] syntactically “an accus., dependent on the impersonal passive נהפך” (Hi.): see G-K. 121a, b; and cf. on 20²⁶.

[כמו אש] = as by fire: G-K. 118w. [*Y igni* = כמו: so Hrzs. Schl. Me.; the reference would then be to blasting.]

6. [ועפרת זהב לו] (1) Schl. Del. Stud. EVV. "and it (the place) hath dust of gold," where sapphires are found there is also auriferous dust—a somewhat nugatory statement; (2) Hrzs. Hi. Bu. Du. "and it (the sapphire) hath dust of gold"—the ספיר being not our "sapphire," which was "almost unknown before Roman imperial times," but the opaque blue *lapis lazuli*, which, as the "sapphire" of the ancients, is described by Theophrastus (*De Lap.* c. iv.) and Pliny (*HN* 37^{38f.}) as sprinkled with gold dust (ὥσπερ χρυσόπαστος, *inest ei et aureus pulvis*, and *aurum* in sapphiro scintillat), with allusion to the particles of iron pyrites, easily mistaken by their colour and lustre for gold, frequently found in it (cf. SAPPHIRE, in *DB* and *EB*); (3) Schult. Ew. Hi. RVm., "and he (the miner) getteth dust of gold." (2) is most probable: the particles glittering yellow in the dark blue stone would be a point which the poet might well refer to. Oo. [ועפרת זהב לו], and *its dust is gold to him* (so Be.^K, but without לו), which might be right: Bu. inclines to it.

7. [נתיב] *cas. pendens*, as 17^{15b} 29¹⁶ n.

[שזף] 20⁹; Ca. 1⁶ †.

8. [הדריר] the Hif. (intrans.), as Jg. 20⁴³, Jer. 51³³.

[בני שחץ] 41²⁶ †, poet. for *proud beasts*: שחץ also only here and 41²⁶. The √ in Eth. (Di. 234) is to *be insolent* (Arab. شخص also is to *rise* (of a star), *rise up*, *be elevated* (Lane, 1516); but? ש [JQR xv. 708 ff.]): in NH. שחץ, Pi. Hithp. (with derivv. שחץ, שחץ, שחצית, שחצן) is to *be proud*, *boastful*. Cf. Ki. ובדברי רבותינו ז"ל גם כן (שפכת סב, סוף ע"ב) אנשי ירושלים אנשי שחץ והיו בלומר אנשי גאון ונפוחת הרוח.

[ערה] poet. for עבר. Common in Arab. and Aram. (in ㄸ ערי = Heb. עבר, as Gn. 15¹⁷ ㄸ, Jer. 9⁹ ㄸ). So in Hif. Pr. 25²⁰ † בנה מערה בנה (מעביר = Jon. 3⁶).

[שחל] 4¹⁰.

10. [יאריר] properly *Nile-canals* (Gn. 41^{1ff.} etc.), then more generally *water-channels*, Is. 33²¹ (ㄸ διώρυγες); here, still more

generally, horizontal *galleries* leading into the mine (Di. De. Bu. Du.). Cf. ⁴ נַחַל = *shaft*.

II. [מִבְּכֵי] as [Is. 7⁸] and often [BDB 583a, b]. Ἐ βάθη (? עֲמָקֵי, or a guess, or a paraphrase of נְבָכֵי,—which, however, in 38¹⁶ is rendered πηγῇ) δὲ ποταμῶν ἀπεκάλυψεν (? חֲפֵשׁ, taken as = חֲפֵשׁ, Is. 52¹⁰ Ἐ), Ὡ profunda quoque fluviorum scrutatus est (= חֲפֵשׁ: so ἈΘ ἐξερεύνησεν), whence Wetzst. *ap. Del.*, Hfm. Be. Bu. מִבְּכֵי (* מִנְּפֵי = *place of נְבָכִים or springs = sources*). Grä. Perl. (p. 69), Be. (alt.) נְבָכֵי (38¹⁶ †; see n.), and חֲפֵשׁ (Grä. Perl. Be. St.; “has much for it,” Bu.), *he searcheth out the sources of streams*. But what is the object (in this connection) of searching out the sources of *streams*? “The sources of streams he bindeth up” (to prevent the mine from being flooded) would be more to the purpose; but נַהרוֹת itself is the more natural obj. to חָבַשׁ, as in חֲבַשׁ (so Du.).

[תַּעֲלֶמְתָּה] cf. תַּעֲלֶמְתָּה, 11⁶, Ps. 44²² (ת' לֵב). The *mappiḳ*, if correct, can be only for euphony (Ki. Michlol, 31a, 186b לתַּפְאֶרֶת לְבָנוֹי הַקְּרִיָּאָה, cited by De.), as Is. 28⁴, Ezk. 22²⁴, Zec. 4²; but it is better simply to omit it.

12. [תַּמְצָא] v.²⁰ תָּבוֹא; Ἐ both here and in v.²⁰ εὐρέθη. Signs of assimilation occur in MSS of Ὡ: here ^{Ken. 150} reads תַּמְצָא תַּמְצָא: in v.²⁰ ^{Ken. 76} reads תַּמְצָא. It is possible that תַּמְצָא here (cf. תַּמְצָא, v.¹³) was substituted for תָּבוֹא; on the other hand, מֵאֵין is not conclusive against תַּמְצָא, for cf. תַּמְצָא with מֵאֵין in Hos. 14⁹. ^{Ken. 157} reads here תַּמְצָא, in which, if the textual support were stronger, it would be tempting to see an original verbal parallelism to v.¹—But whence does Wisdom come forth, *i.e.* from what source (מֵאֵין) is it drawn? cf. מֵאֵין in ^b with מֵאֵין in ^{1b}.]

13. [עֲרֵכָה] Read with Ἐ (ὁδὸν ἀντήρης) Di. Hi. Bu. etc. עֲרֵכָה (cf. ^{23a}): the price would be suitable in vv.¹⁵⁻¹⁹, but is here out of place.

14. [אִמֵּר] חָרוֹם is usually fem., but msc. here, Jon. 2⁶, Hab. 3¹⁰, Ps. 42⁸: אִמֵּר (Du. (“perhaps”), Be.^K) is thus not in itself necessary, though it makes a variation from ^b אִמֵּר.

15. [כְּגֹר] = כְּגֹר (י K. 6^{20. 21} 7^{49. 50} (= 1 Ch. 4^{20. 22}), 10²¹ = 2 Ch. 9²⁰ †), even if (Hfm. Du. Be.^K St.; Bu. “perhaps”)

אופיר is not to be read as an abbreviation for אופיר קנור, like אופיר (22²⁴) for כתם אופיר. The derivation of קנור is uncertain: perhaps, *shut up*, and so prized, rare: cf. Ass. *hurāṣu* (= חרין) *sakru* (Del. *HWB* 499b “verriegelt, verschlossen”).

16. בני ציון הקררים המספלים 19 †; cf. (with א) La. 4² † המספלים בפז.

17. [יערכנה ערך] intrans.; will not *rank, compare* with it, or *equal* it; so 10: cf. Ps. 89⁷ כי מי בשחק יערך ליהוה; and, actively, Is. 40¹⁸ מהדמות הערכולו (= παραβλέπετε αὐτῶ).

[וְזָכַרְתָּהּ] so Kit.: זוכית, Ba. Gi., also in NH. (Levy, i. 536a), and זכר here; זכרית in זכר, Dt. 33¹⁹ זכרית. Jer. זכרית, and in Aram. generally (including Syr.). Aram. זכר is to be *clear, transparent* (*ChWB* i. 213b). Arab. *sajāj* is a loan-word from the Aram. (Fränkel, *Aram. Fremdwörter im Arab.* 64).

[ותמורתה וג'] The לא governs both clauses: G-K. 152z.

כלי 11 MSS, and, perhaps, ΘΣΤ^{1. 2. 3} Υ, כלי; but the collective כלי (jewels in a mass) is more forcible than כלי (a number of individual jewels).

18. [גביש] crystal; cf. אלגביש, hail (Ezk. 13^{11. 13} 38²² †). Κρύσταλλος means similarly both *ice* and *crystal*.

[לא יזכר] the constr. as 22⁹ (G-K. 121b): ראמות וגביש are implicit accusatives.

[מישך] מישך is to *draw* along, away, etc., *out of* a pit, Gn. 37²⁸, a fish out of water, Jb. 40²⁵: hence מישך, the *drawing up*—said perhaps (Boch. *Hieroz.* ii. 683, Di.) with allusion to pearls drawn up from the sea—fig. for *securing after effort* or *acquisition*: מן is short for ממשך, “Ps. 4⁸, Is. 10¹⁰, Pr. 16^{16a}” (Hi.); G-K. 133c. EVV. *price*, comes from Kimchi: והמשך החכמה יקר והמשך כי הדבר היקר ימשך ימשכו למרחוק וכן מושך הזרע (Ps. 126⁶) הזרע, i.e. the fame of a precious thing is *drawn along*, or *extends*, far, and so מושך means *preciousness*; and מושך having this sense here, it has it also in Ps. 126⁶ מושך הזרע, meaning “*precious seed*” (AV. PBV.), because seed is precious to the sower, even in a dry land.

21. [ונעלמה] om. ! GSW; this is preferable, even if (Di. Bu.) ²¹ originally followed ¹⁴; note ¹⁴ and ²² both open without !.]

23. הָבִין] 5 MSS C (συρέστησεν) הָבִין; but see ^b.

24. תַּחַת כָּל] C τῇ ὑπ' οὐρανὸν πᾶσαν, F et omnia quae sub; whence Be.^K תַּחַת כָּל; but the change is unnecessary. Bu. rejects ²⁴ as a gloss; Du. places it after ¹¹ ("he" being then man). It is said, viz., that, in giving the reason for ²³, it implies that Wisdom has a home upon earth known to God (*because* God sees everything under heaven, *therefore* He knows the way to her), whereas that she can be found at all upon earth is denied in ^{13f.} ^{21f.}: vv. ²⁵ ²⁷ further state clearly that God knew Wisdom at the time He was engaged in the work of *creation*, how then can His knowledge of her abode be said (²⁴ כִּי) to depend on His knowing everything in the existing *created* world? Logically, the objection is sound; but is it sound poetically? Does it not press the language unduly? [cf. Peake]. V.²⁴ is a poetical statement of God's omniscience: it is couched certainly in terms which are strictly inconsistent with the teaching of ^{13f.} ^{21f.} ^{23.} ²⁵⁻²⁷; but the underlying thought which these terms are intended to express, viz. that God is omniscient, and has always known Wisdom, is perfectly consistent with it.

25. לַעֲשׂוֹת] rd. either (Bu.) בַּעֲשֻׂתוֹ or (S. נִגְבַּה; F qui vidit; C, apparently connecting with ^{24a}, and having this after ^{24b} εἰδὼς δὲ τὰ ἐν τῇ γῇ πάντα ἐποίησεν) הָעֲשָׂה (so Du., connecting with ²³): in either case the pf. in וַיֵּבֶן is normal (G-K. [114r] or [Dr. § 147, cf. §§ 117, 118]); but the former, making ²⁵ || to ²⁶ and giving a double protasis for ²⁷, with its emphatic אִם, alters ²⁶ at least, and yields the most forcible climax to the argument. Ew. De. Di. etc. retain לַעֲשׂוֹת, connecting with ²⁴, or (Hi. who regards ²⁴ as a parenthesis) with ²³; לַעֲשׂוֹת being rendered either (Ew. Hi. Di.) *to make* (in ^b the constr. being then changed, as ⁵^{11b}: see *n.*), or (De.) *in making*. But ²⁵ (alone) halts after either ²³ or ²⁴, whereas, as || to ²⁶, it is forcible.

תִּכְן] *to regulate, give תִּכְן* (Ex. ⁵¹⁸) *the right measure to*, as Ps. ⁷⁵⁴, and especially Is. ⁴⁰¹² בִּשְׁעָלוּ מִים (cf. מִדָּה here) מִי מִדָּה מִיִּתְכֵּן אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ יְהוָה ¹³, וְשִׁמְשׁוֹ בְּיָדָהּ תִּכְן.

26. חֲזוּי] ³⁸^{25b} (= ^{26b} here), Zec. ¹⁰¹ עֲשָׂה חֲזוּיִים †: *forked*

flashes; Ar. *ḥazza*, to cut or notch. On NH. and Aram. חוֹז, shining clouds (Ca. 2⁶ חוֹזא קלילא), see *NHWB* and *ChWB*, s.v.

27. וַיִּסְפֹּר and *recounted it*,—expressed Wisdom's qualities, and so gave evidence that He knew all about her not to man (who did not then exist), but in the abstract, in general. Ew. Di.¹ De.² (after Schult. *eius numeros, rationes, summas summarum recensuit*): *And counted it* (סָפַר as 38³⁷; or (Be. alt. וַיִּסְפֹּר), seems hardly (Di.²) compatible with a singular object. [Du. also reads the Kal, but with the suggestion that it is here used as a denominative of סוֹפֵר, with the meaning *studied*: to חָקַר he also gives an unusual sense—to put to the proof: such unusual and unsupported usages may be technical uses of the school of the wise men, and our insufficient knowledge of this language may account for the difficulty of seizing exactly and with certainty the meaning of the v. (see exegetical n.).]

[הכילה] 5 MSS : הבינה § סלס = הכילה.]

28. [לְאָדָם] MS ^{Ken. 378} om. Commonly rendered *to men*: Ehrlich, *concerning, with reference to, man*; but Gn. 20¹³, Dt. 33⁹, Jg. 9⁵⁴, Ps. 3³ 71¹⁰ are not quite similar, and in any case would lead us to expect חכמתו and בינתו in what follows.]

[הן] MS ^{Ken. 76} § om.]

אֲדָנִי only here in Job; and elsewhere, in the mouth of God, only Ezk. 13⁹ 23⁴⁹ 24²⁴ 28²⁴ (Di.; each time יהוה אֲדָנִי יהוה: Cornill's excision of אֲדָנִי is arbitrary). Some 100 MSS read יהוה, and יראת יהוה is what would be naturally expected: but the author eschews יהוה as far as possible (cf. on 12⁹); so he may easily have said יראת אֲדָנִי for it [, though in 6¹⁴ the phrase is יראת שְׁרִי].

CHAPTER XXIX.

2. **בִּירְחִי**] = as *in*, etc., as regularly (Is. 51⁹ etc.; G-K. 118s, *u*).

בְּיָמַי רֹג' a good example of a c. st. before a rel. cl. (G-K. 130d): cf. Ps. 65⁵ וַתִּקְרַב וַתִּבְחַר אֲשֶׁרִי חֲבֵר וַתִּקְרַב, Pr. 8³² וַאֲשֶׁרִי דָרַכְי יִשְׁמְרוּ.

3. **בְּהֶלֹו**] if correct, from an inf. הֵל (like שָׁף, Jer. 5²⁶; יִשְׁכַּב, G-K. 67p), with sf. (like בִּשְׁכַּבָּה), anticipating the gen. (like בָּבֶל, Ezk. 10³; G-K. 131n; Dr. on 1 S. 21¹⁴). But the construction is very inelegant: rd. the Hif. (בְּהִלְוִיתִיהָ (Ol. Bu.), or (Du.) בְּהֶלֹו, with elision of ה, as in לְשִׁמְדִּי, Is. 23¹¹ (G-K. 53g).

לְאֹרֹו] the ל of norm.; *Lex.* 516a.

חֲשַׁךְ acc. after הֵלֵךְ, as Is. 50¹⁰, Mic. 2¹¹, Pr. 6¹²; sq. אֶת, Dt. 1¹⁹ 2⁷.

4. **חֲרָפִי**, חֲרַף, *autumn*, properly, it seems, the time of *plucking* (fruits), from *חֲרַף = Arab. *kharafa*, *carpere* (Fleischer in *ChWB* i. 426a): here fig. not of youth, but of the age of *ripe manhood* (Schult. *aetas virilis suis fructibus foeta et exuberans*), which Job was enjoying before his calamities fell upon him. Bu. argues that, being opposed to קִיץ and including winter (Gn. 8²², Ps. 74¹⁷, Pr. 20⁴, Zec. 14⁸; cf. the denom. vb. Is. 18⁶), it can bear only an unfavourable sense, so he would read, with Königsb. Volz., פִּרְחִי, *my blossoming, flourishing* (cf. fig. of men, Ps. 92¹³, Pr. 11²⁸ al.); but it is not certain that this is the case.

[Ehrlich חֲרָפִי, assuming a Heb. حَرَف, *extremity* (of a mountain, its) *summit*; the phrase would then mean: the days when I reached the summit of my fortunes.]

בְּסוֹד] for בְּהִיוֹת סוֹד. סוֹד, properly (cf. ὁμιλία, *friendly or confidential discourse* (Ps. 55¹⁵), and then *friendship* (Ps. 25¹⁴ RVm., Pr. 3³² RVm.)). But ἔ (ὅτε . . . ἐπισκοπήν

ἐποιεῖτο; cp. La. 3⁴⁴ אֵל, Be.), Σ (ὅποτε περιέφρασσεν). סָכַן (סָכַן), point to סָכַן (from סָכַן); cf. סָכַן עַל, to cover, 1 K. 8⁷ al.; סָכַן לְרֹאשִׁי, Ps. 140⁸: so Houb. Grä. (Pss. i. 129), Sgf. Buhl, Perl. 89, Bu. Du., probably rightly.

6. בָּרַחַץ ר' intrans. = to *bathe oneself* (Ex. 2⁵ al.).

הָלִיכִי only here.

בַּחֲמָה for חֲמָה: cf. on נָהַ, 22²⁹.

וְצֹר יִצּוֹק עֲמָדִי Du. Be.^K omit צֹר (as variant of יִצּוֹק), and read (Be.^K with "perhaps") יִצּוֹק עֲמָדִי (עֲמָדִי as || to הָלִיכִי), and *my standing* poured out: יִצּוֹק may be right (see on 28²); but עֲמָדִי is highly improbable; a place, not an action such as standing, would pour forth oil. No change is needed [except for the reason that ^b, containing four stresses at least, is overlong: עֲמָדִי might be an accidental repetition from v.⁵]: on צֹר (already in אֵל), *v.s.*

7. יֵצֵא [בַּצֵּאתִי שַׁעַר, sq. acc. is to *go out of* (Ex. 9^{29.33}, Nu. 35²⁶); cf. בְּלִיצֵּאִי שַׁעַר עִיר, Gn. 34²⁴: the שַׁעַר, though mostly used of the gate of a city, must then be here the gate of Job's house or estate (cf., of a private person's house, Pr. 14¹⁹ שַׁעֲרֵי צֵדִיק; or farm, Jg. 18^{16.17}); Jb. 31³⁴ פֶּתַח (Bu.), does not prove the contrary, for a שַׁעַר is a פֶּתַח, and פֶּתַח הַשַּׁעַר often occurs: there is thus no occasion to alter the text.—אֵל [for שַׁעַר] ὅρθρος = שַׁחַר.

יֵצֵא [6⁵ n.].

קָרַת as Pr. 8³ 9^{3.14} 11¹¹ † (cf. Ph. קֶרְחָדֶשֶׁת, "Newtown," the name of a place in Cyprus (Cooke, *NSI* 52, 53), and = *Carthage*, *CIS* i. 269⁵ (= *NSI* 49⁵), al.): elsewhere קָרַת.

אֲבִין the impf., attached ἀσυνδέτως (Dr. 163, *Obs.*; cf., after a finite vb., 1 S. 13¹⁷ 18⁵, Jer. 15⁶) to בַּצֵּאתִי, and *virtually* under the government of ב, "carries on the sentence in the form of a frequentative" (Ru.) וְהִכְיִנֹתִי, would be the normal constr. (Dr. 118; G-K. 114r).

8. יוֹשִׁישִׁים 15¹⁰ n.

קָמוּ עֲמָדִי the *asyndeton* is idiomatic and effective: cf. Jer. 5²⁸ 9⁹ הָלַכְנוּ נִדְרוּ (50³), 15⁷ נִשְׁבַּלְתִּי אֲבֵרְתִּי, 46²¹, Is. 18⁵ *end*, 46² 51¹⁷ *end*.

9. [עֲצֵרוּ ב'] see on 4².

10. Θ om.: Θ ^{10a} being obviously a doublet of ^{11a}, and Θ ^{10b} being really Θ .

נִחְבָּאוּ pl. by attraction to נִגִּידִים; cf. 15^{20b} 21^{21b} 38^{21b}, Is. 60⁵, Hi. (G-K. 146a),—though Ol. proposed to delete the נ. But *hidden* is a strange fig. to apply to קוֹל, and נִחְבָּאוּ may well be due to a scribe's eye looking by error at ^{8a} (Me. Di. al.): rd. probably either נִאֲלָם, *was dumb* (Sgf. Bu.), or נִבְלָא, *was restrained* (Du.).

11. כִּי] not *When* (AV.), but *For*: lit. for the ear heard, and called me happy = *For when* the ear heard, *it* called me happy (RV.): so ^b and the eye saw, and gave witness to me = and *when* the eye saw, *it*, etc.; and often similarly.

וְתֵעִידֵנִי] and attested me, as 1 K. 21^{10, 13}.

12. מִשְׁוֹעַ Θ ἐκ χειρὸς δυναστοῦ (so Ps. 72¹² for מִשְׁוֹעַ): probably = מִשְׁוֹעַ misunderstood (in 9²² Θ δνν. = רִצָּע). MSS 715. 847, De Rossi (*Supplem.* 121) מִשְׁוֹעַ, a clamore (Is. 22⁵), and MSS 368. 554 מִשְׁוֹעַ (without dagesh).

וְעֵינַי וְאֵן עֵינִי לוֹ Ps. 72¹² לוֹ וְעֵינַי וְאֵן עֵינִי לוֹ. 11 MSS (De Rossi, *ibid.* 121 f.), Θ Σ Ψ χ .

14. וַיִּלְבַּשְׁנִי Ges. *Thes.* quotes Ephr. ii. 504 מִן לִבְשִׁי, a demon has *put thee on*, or *clothed himself in thee*, fig. for filled thee (see further exx. in PS. 1887): cf. Arab. *malbūs*, *mad*.

מִשְׁפָּט Θ (κρίμα), Ψ Du. Be.^K Vo. משפט. But Φ is more forcible.

15. [לְעוֹר] G-K. 35^g. So χ i. *Michlol.* 53^b (Baer, 49).

16. [רִיב לֹא־יִדְעָתִי] = of (him whom) I knew not: cf. 18²¹ אֵל מָקוֹם לֹא יָדַע אֵל (G-K. 130^d).

אֲחֻקְרֶהוּ Ps. 90^{17c}, Is. 9¹, Gn. 28¹³ etc.: Dr. 197.

17. [מִתְלַעֲוֹת] Jl. 1⁶, Pr. 30¹⁴ †; מִלְחָעוֹת, Ps. 58⁷ †.

18. [עַם קָנִי אֲגוּעַ וְכֹחֹל אֲרֵבָה יָמִים] [עַם, *with*, as in Ex. 22²⁴, Lv. 25^{35f. 39. 47}: *Lex. s.v.* עַם, g. 2. In ^b the familiar figure of the sand to express multitude is recognized by Σ and probably by Υ , but not by Θ , Ψ]. Θ ἡ ἡλικία μου γηράσει, ὥσπερ στέλεχος φοίνικος πόλυν χρόνον βιώσω; Σ ἔλεγον

δὲ μετὰ τῆς νοσσιᾶς μου γηρίσειν; U In nidulo meo moriar, et sicut palma multiplicabo dies; S (with a double rend. of ^a)

לִנְדֹּל מִנִּדּוּל אֶפְרֹס. סִימְרָן עֵינַי אֶפְרֹס. סִימְרָן בִּלְבָבִי

לִנְדֹּל (in my nest

I shall depart) וְהִיךְ חֵלָא אֶסְנִי יוֹמָא. E^a is obviously a paraphrase. Me. Bi. rd. קִנָּה after S *with the reed*, i.e. with the aromatic reed, which has always had the reputation of being durable, and lasting long (not as Sgf. p. 44, understands it, *long-lived*, so that his objection, that the reed is cut down every year falls through). But the comparison is remote; and to express such an idea, some long-lived tree would have been more naturally thought of by the poet. In Sir. 50¹² ὡς στελέχη φοινίκων = Heb. ¹⁴ בְּעֵרְבֵי נָחַל, ² like poplars of the wādī (Jb. 40²²); and this translation seems to show that a נָחַל = Arab. *nakhl*, *palm-tree* (whether or not it is rightly so rendered there) was known in Heb.: Perles (*JQR* xi., 1899, 688), *Lex.* 636b ("perhaps"), *EBi.* 3553, adopt this sense for Nu. 24⁶ (for a reason against it, see Gray, *Numb.* 363); and *EBi. ib.*, Buhl *HIWB*, s.v. ("perhaps"), and Be.^K would read כְּנָחַל here for כְּחָל. [A third interpretation of חָל is *Phœnix* (in this meaning to be pointed חָל, according to the Massoretes of Nahardea). This interpretation is as old as the Talmud (*Sanhedrin*, 108b), and has been frequently adopted by modern commentators (Hitz. *Ew. Del. Bu. Du. Peake*). It can scarcely be rejected on the ground (Di., Ch. in *EBi.* 3765) that the fable could not have reached the Jews as early as the lifetime of the author of Job: Hesiod refers to the longevity of the bird (*Fragm.* 50, ed. Gaisf.), and Herod. (ii. 73) heard in Egypt both of its longevity and of the miraculous way in which it brought its father from Arabia and buried him in Heliopolis. The earliest direct Jewish reference is, it is true, in the Jewish tragedian Ezekiel (prob-

¹ Lee has עֵינַי; but Cod. Ambros., the Urmia ed. (1852), and Ephr. Syr. ii. 12 F, Barhebr. *Scholia in Job*, ed. Bernstein, 1858 (both cited by Merx, *Archiv*, ii. 105), have עֵינַי, which is evidently right.

² Reading prob. עֵינַי. In E^a στελέχος may denote either *stem* (= עֵינַי Jb. 14⁸) or *bough* (= עֵינַי, Ezk. 19¹¹; = עֵינַי, Ezk. 31^{12, 13}).

ably 2nd cent. B.C.), who, without naming it, refers to the great size and beautiful plumage of the bird seen at Elim in Arabia (Eus. *Præp. Ev.* ix. 29). The attempt, however, to claim the LXX as supporting the interpretation is very questionable: for that *στελέχος φοίνικος* was a natural rendering of a single word understood by the translators to mean a palm-tree, is shown by the fact that תמרים is in Ex. 15²⁷, Nu. 33⁹ rendered *στελέχη φοινίκων*: there is, therefore, no ground for the conjecture (Hitz. *Del. al.*) that *στ. φοίνικος* has arisen from an original *φοινίξ* by a misunderstanding. In the later Jewish writings the miraculous bird is known either (Sanh. 108b) as אורשנא (אורשניה) or (Ber. R. § 18) חול (חלָא). In Ber. R.¹ it is said of the animals that they all obeyed Eve, and accepted the fruit of the forbidden tree from her, חוץ מעוף אחד ושמו חול, except a bird whose name (as it was inferred from the present passage) was חול: this bird, it is added, lives 1000 years, at the end of which time a fire originating in its nest burns it, and only a piece of the size of an egg survives; but this puts forth pinions and the bird lives again. The reason given for the immortality of the אורשנא in Sanh. 108b is different: when Noah was feeding the beasts in the ark this bird alone, seeing how busily engaged Noah was, refrained from asking for food and so adding to his labours; thereupon Noah said יהא רעוא (יהא רעוא). Granted a familiarity, such as the Rabbis of the Midrash must have had, with the fable of the long-lived or immortal bird, it is easy to see how the context in this passage, with its allusion to the nest and length of days, might suggest that חול was a name of it; and by itself the assertion in the Midrash cited above has no more value than the demands of exegesis: if exegesis demands an allusion to the phoenix, חול, or some word corrupted into חול, was a name of it. Del., however, claims that חול, as the name of the phoenix, is independently supported by the fact that *ΑΛΛΩΗ, ΑΛΛΟΗ* are given in a Coptic-Arabic glossary as an equivalent of سَمُودٌ, a

וגם [in גם לאישה] רבוי האכילה את הבהמה ואת החיה ואת העופות הכל שמעו לה חוץ¹ מעוף אחד ושמו חול הה"ד ובהול ארבה ימים רבי רבי ינאי אמרו אלף שנה הוא חי ובסוף אלף שנה אש יוצאה מקינו ושורפתו ומשייר בו כביצה וחוזר ומגדל אברים וחיו. ר יוחנן בר"ש אומר אלף שנה חי ולסוף אלף שנה גופו כלה וכנפיו מתפרסין. ומשתייר בו כביצה וחוזר ונוי'.

name applicable to both the phoenix and the salamander. He inclines to see in חוּל a Hebraized form of this Egyptian word. The two chief exegetical considerations are these: (1) if עַם קָנִי אָנֹכִי is the original text in ^a, an allusion to the phoenix well accounts for death being referred to in the first line, length of days in the second: the phoenix, according to some forms of the fable, did actually multiply its days *after* it had died in its nest; but (2) an allusion to the resurrection and future life of the phoenix, and the attribution to Job of the wish that he might in this respect be like the phoenix, is inconsistent with the point of view throughout attributed to him: cf. esp. 14¹⁻¹². Che. (*EBi.* 3765), discarding the view that the phoenix is referred to, not unnaturally suspects the text of ^a though his emendation בִּזְנוֹנִי for עַם קָנִי is rather weak; cf. the more forcible phrasing of 5²⁶, Gn. 15¹⁵. N. Herz (*ZATW* xx. 162) suggests מִקְנִי for קָנִי and בַּחֲלִי for חוּל. Preferable to either of these suggestions would be אֲזִקֶּנָּה for אָנֹכִי (Sgf.). See further on the phoenix, Bochart, *Hierozoicon*, Lib. vi. cap. v.; the commentaries especially of Del. and Di. on this passage; and Lightfoot on Ep. Clem. xxv. In addition to ancient references already given, see iii. Baruch 6 f., and Secrets of Enoch 12, 14, where this fable is highly developed and elaborated.]

19 f. [Circumstantial clauses defining the condition or circumstances under which Job hopes to multiply his days ^{18b}: the part. in ^{19a} and the adj. in ^{20a} passing over into the impf. in the second clauses of each v. according to Dr. § 117. As Bu. remarks, the constr. in ^{19a}. ^{20a} does not favour Sgf.'s proposal to place ^{19f}. after ⁶.]

20. כְּבָרוּי Hfm. Be.^K Vo. בְּרוֹנִי (Jer. 6²³): but an exact parallel to קָשִׁי is not necessary; Job speaks, not as a warrior, but as a *moral* hero.

[תַּחֲלִיף] *showed newness or freshness* (see on 14⁷), was fresh and pliable—opposed to being old, hard, and useless.

21. [לִי שִׁמְעוּ] More direct and forcible than לִי שִׁמְעוּ; cf. similar cases in Ps. 27⁸ 28⁷ 33^{21a} 63⁹ בִּי הַמֶּכָּה יִמִּינְךָ 91¹⁴ 104²⁰ 142⁸, Pr. 8¹⁵. 16, 2 S. 23³, Is. 45²³: in prose, Dt. 1³⁷ 7⁶ 18¹⁵ 21¹⁷ *end*,

Jg. 10⁴. [The emphatic לִי takes a full stress; cf. Ps. 63⁹, Pr 8^{15, 16}.]

וַיִּחַלּוּ with d. f. euphon. (G-K. 20^r); cf. Jg. 5⁷, Baer (see his n., p. 94) הִחַלּוּ. In חל, ו will be the simple ו (Dr. § 131 f.); but (Bu.), in view of the frequentatives in ^{20b, 21b, 22}, it is better to read ושמעו, in which case it will be ו cons., and ויחלו will have, of course, a frequentative force (as Gn. 2^{6, 10} etc.). Du. Be.^K, less suitably, change in ^{21, 23b} to ו with נשנו, ^{22a}. ויחל ל', as Mic. 5^{6b}.

וידמו] from דמם: G-K. 67^g.

למו] see on 27¹⁴. Be.^K, needlessly [and on rhythmical grounds improbably], with 35 MSS (how "Vrs." can be quoted in support of this reading, is not apparent) למועצתי.

22. ודבריו] after *my word or speech*: but perhaps דבריו (as 21³) should be read (Me. Di. Bi. Bu. Du.).

23. ויחלו] as יחל has occurred in ^{21a}, Bu., for variety, ויחבו. Du., conversely, ויחלו in ²¹ (and ויחלו, Hif. for ויחלו here: on Du.'s ו, see on ²¹).

כמטר] not כלמטר: G-K. 118^s.

וּפִיהֶם פִּעְרוּ] Klo., improbably, כְּפִי הַמְּגֻרָפוֹת (Jl. 1¹⁷). פ is paraphrastic: so its support is very doubtful.

למלקוש] Du. כמלקוש (cf. EVV. "as for the latter rain"): but the fig. sense is clear from the context.

24. וְלֹא יֵאֱמִינוּ] so Gi.: some 90 MSS, Baer (v. p. 50) וְלֹא. "I used to smile on them (שחק אל, like *arrideo*, to *laugh*, or *smile*, at with approbation), when they believed not: viz. (Hi.), what I said or advised (לֹא יֵאֱמִינוּ being a circ. cl., Dr. 162; though the other reading . . . וְלֹא may also express not a consequence, but a condition already existing, as 24²² 42³, Is. 45^{4, 5}, Ps. 44¹⁸, Dr. 159 near the end). האמין abs. is to *believe* (Is. 7⁹ 28¹⁶ al.), not (cf. RVm.) to *be confident* (= בָּטַח). Bu. Du. consider that . . . וְלֹא can only have the here impossible sense *and so they* . . . , and accordingly excise לֹא (so St.): but the omission is very violent, and, in view of the parallels just quoted, unnecessary."

וְאִור פָּנָיו] is commonly taken as = *my bright countenance*: but Bi.¹ Bu. Be. Du. object that though הפיל פנים might be

said (Jer. 3¹²; cf. Gn. 4^{5, 6}, 1 S. 1¹⁸ LXX), הפיל אור פנים could hardly be said [yet, cf. נסה אור פניך, Ps. 4⁷]: hence they suppose, very ingeniously, that לא יפילק is a corruption of ^{25c} אבלים ינחם; the correct text was written on the margin, and afterwards wrongly introduced after ^{25b}, with the addition of ואור פני נאשר to make it intelligible: they thus read for ^{24b} פני ינחם אבלים, “and the light of my countenance *comforted the mourners*.” But neither the corruption itself, nor the series of subsequent changes, can be said to be probable; and the “mourners,” even allowing that they are unsuitable in ^{25c}, are still more so here; in ^{25c} they at least appear only in a comparison; but what place have they in a context which speaks of Job’s giving his advice to an assembly of village elders?

25. אבחר דרכם] either (EVV. De. Du.) “I used to choose out *their way*” (the line of action they ought to follow; Job was the leader in his city and his clan, Du.), or (Di. Bu.) “I used to choose *the way to* (28²³) *them*”; the former puts greater significance into the words; it is also (Pe.) favoured by the fact that “choosing” implies the selection between alternative courses.

ראש] acc., defining the condition, = *as chief*: G-K. 118n.

גדוד] 19¹² 25³.

CHAPTER XXX.

I. "The v. admits of division into four lines (the first ending at עלִי), but it halts rhythmically, and מְנִי לַיָּמִים reads prosaically, and seems needlessly circumstantial" (so, in effect, Bu.). Me. Wr. Sgf. Bu. Be. om. מְנִי לַיָּמִים (as a gloss from 32⁶, cf. 4^b, perhaps originally written on the margin to give צְעִירִים its supposed right sense, Bu.): צְעִירִים is taken to mean *inferiors* (as Jer. 14³), or צִעְרִים, *shepherd-boys* (Zec. 13⁷; cf. Jer. 49²⁰ = 50⁴⁵), is read (Bi.² Bu. Be.); Bu., on the ground that the idea of Job having despised the *fathers* of the mockers is somewhat exaggerated, and that אֲבוֹתָם is "perhaps" also to be omitted as a dittograph of מֵאֲסָתִי, makes further omission, and so reduces the v. to two lines only: וַעֲתָה שִׁחֲקוּ עָלַי צְעִירִים מֵאֲסָתִים לִשְׂתִּית עִם כֻּלִּי צָאנִי. But these operations [which after all produce a rhythmical effect (a poor 4 : 4 distich) scarcely superior to that of the existing text] are very questionable, and only partially supported by G (in Swete: *νὺν δὲ κατεγέλασάν μου, ἐλάχιστοι* [Θ οἱ νεώτεροι μου ἡμέραις] *νὺν νουθετοῦσίν με ἐν μέρει, ὧν ἐξουδένουν τοὺς πατέρας αὐτῶν, οὓς οὐχ ἡγήσάμην ἀξίους κυνῶν τῶν ἐμῶν νομάδων*, where *νὺν νουθ.* με seems to be another rendering of וַעֲתָה שִׁחֲקוּ עָלַי). ἐν μέρει must somehow correspond to מְנִי לַיָּמִים; ὧν . . . αὐτῶν (= אֲשֶׁר מֵאֲסָתִי אֲבוֹתָם) is supplied from Θ, and οὓς κατλ. is the original free rendering of אֲשֶׁר מֵאֲסָתִי, with omission of אֲבוֹתָם: G thus seems to have differed from H only by not reading *either* מְנִי *or* לַיָּמִים, and אֲבוֹתָם. But is G's omission of אֲבוֹתָם of any greater significance than its omission (*e.g.*) of בַּעֲרוֹן נַחֲלִים or of עַפְרָה in 6²? [Richter's reconstruction of 1. 2^a may be cited as a curiosity: וַעֲתָה שִׁחֲקוּ עָלַי כֹּאֲשֶׁר פָּנִי לֹא יִפְלֹק צְעִירִים מִמְרוֹם יוֹכִיחֵנִי אֲשֶׁר מֵאֲסָתִי אֲבוֹתָם לִשְׂתִּית עִם כֻּלִּי צָאנִי גַם כִּחַ יִדְהֶם לִמָּה לִּי. H is poor, and it is improbable that in its present form it is original unless, or perhaps we

should say, even if redactional; in any case it is not worth while rewriting it to produce such a result as this.]

[לשית] after מאכתי might have been expected [cf. 1 S. 15^{23, 26} Hos. 4⁶]; but we have both ל and מן after חדרל בלה, חדרל.

2. [למה] *whereto? ad quid?* cf. Gn. 23³² ולמה זה לי בכרה, ולמה לי חיים. Du. בניה לו (Ps. 63² † בשרי), *siecht him*; but the change is unnecessary.

[עלימו] [For the use of על “denoting with some emphasis the subj. of an experience” (*Lex. s.v. על*, 1 d), cf. Dan. 2¹ 10⁸].

[בלח] 5²⁶ †, where see *n.* Ol. בלה, “all of it,” viz. of בח, *strength*; Bu. בל-לח (Dt. 34⁷ לא נס לחה); Che., בל-חל (cf. ס כלס חפס). Gr om.: Θ (συντέλεια), Α (παντελής) either read בלה, or confused בלה with it. Σ πάν τὸ πρὸς ζωήν (whence Jer. *omnis vita*); בלה being perhaps taken as an abbreviation of כל-לחיים.

3. [כפן] 5²² †. Aram.: see *n.* on 5²².

[גלמוד] *stone-hard* (see on 3⁷, cf. 15³⁴); hence here, *stiff, shrivelled, gaunt*. Hi. Du. Oo. Honth. Bu. Be.^K (“fort.”) נלמו “sind sie zusammengeschrumpft, eingeschrumpft”; but would *be rolled or folded up* (2 K. 2⁸, cf. Ps. 139¹⁶ נלמי) express naturally the effects of hunger on the body? And is it clear that Arab. *ṭarwāʿ*, *convolvere, complicare*, and *ṭarwiya*, to *be hungry* (Hi.), are connected?

[הערוקים] On the ה, see Baer (p. 50), who cites העורים, 2 S. 5^{6, 8}, העורים, Pr. 2¹³, and his notes on Is. 42¹⁸ 65¹¹; G-K. 35g. ערק, to *gnaw*, as v.¹⁷ †, Arab., and Syr. (in Lexx. and, in Pa., Zec. 11¹⁷: PS. 2997f). AV. RVm. *flee* (so Gr οἱ φεύγοντες, T Saad. Kī.). ערק, to *flee*, is a good Aram. √ (T and S often): but *gnaw* yields a much more expressive figure. The art. (= οἷτινες, *men*, viz. *who* . . .), as 28⁴, Ps. 19¹¹ 49⁷.

[אמש] is *yesterday* (= Arab. 'ams), *vesternight* (Gn. 19³⁴ 31^{29, 42}): hence, with a following gen. it can only, as Fleischer (*ap. Del.*) says, mean, *on the eve of*. . . . The sense thus obtained is legitimate, but poor. T (השובא איך רומיש), *darkness like evening*) Rashi, Kī. Ges. De. Ili. al. *evening* (so RV. *gloom*); but this sense is out of the question; אמש does not mean *evening* absolutely, but only the day (or evening) of

yesterday (Fl. says similarly of *ams*, that it "never denotes evening or night absolutely; *امس* in *Vit. Tim.* ii. 428, cited by Ges., is wrongly read and rendered by him *vespertinus*"). The word must be corrupt. Ol. Sgf. אֶרֶץ, *the land of* . . . ; but this yields a weak sense: Hfm. אֶם, the dry ground being described poetically as the "mother of wasteness and desolation"; Klo. better (so Bu.), אִמָּם, "their mother—fig. for the source from which they obtain nutriment—is wasteness and desolation." This agrees well with העֲרִיקִים צִיה, just before. [Du., connecting ³⁰ with ⁵, יִמְשֹׁשׁוּ or יִמְשֹׁשׁוּ.]

[שׂוּאָה וּמִשׂוּאָה] so 38²⁷, Zf. 1¹⁵: the alliterative combination of two derivatives from the same √ expressing the idea of *completeness* (cf. Is. 29², Nah. 2¹¹, Ezk. 6¹⁴ 33²⁹; Ew. 313^c). We might render "devastation and desolation"; but the alliteration cannot be reproduced effectively in English.

4. [עֲלֵי שִׁיחַ] *by* (*Lex.* 6 a (p. 755b): Nu. 24⁶). Does salt-wort, however, grow particularly by, or under, bushes? [Di. *together with* (*Lex.* 4 c, p. 755b) *Artemisia*, assuming that שִׁיחַ denotes here a particular species of desert shrub; but שִׁיחַ is apparently used of desert shrubs in general in v.⁷, Gn. 21¹⁵, and still more generally in Gn. 2⁵ †. Against too specific a limitation of the term, see most recently *ZATW*, 1915, p. 125 f.] Saad. *ورق الشجر* [† *et arborum cortices*] = עֲלֵי שִׁיחַ, "and leaves of bushes," which is possible (so Bu.), and is accepted by Be.^T Honth.

[לֶחֶם] *their bread (food)*: so EVV. Di. De. Du.; Ges. *for warming* at (לֶחֶם), as Is. 47¹⁴, a rare form of the inf. of ע"ע vb., G-K. 67cc; or rd. (Bu.) לֶחֶם, or (Bu. alt.; RVm.) Pi. לֶחֶם, as 39¹⁴ *for warming* them). [Che. (*EBi.* 2647) for ^b proposes *והלחם*, העֲרִיקִים רָחַם וְהָלַחֵם, from v.³: with ח' cp. 6⁶.]

5. [בְּ] a strong Aramaism (בְּ, בְּ, *midst*; Syr. *ܒܝܬܐ*, *midst*, interior; often *community*, of a church, people, etc.; Ph. = *corporation*, in an inscription from the Piræus (Cooke, *NSI* 33²); Ar. *jaṣṣaṣ*^{on}, the *middle* or *interior*, e.g. of heaven, Qor. 16¹): render, *from the midst* (viz. of men, understood), or (as in Syr.) *from the community*: Me. Be. al. מִבְּנוֹי, but this is

e.g. Ex. 13¹⁸ וְחִמְצִים עָלוּ, “as (or being) children of . . . , they are scourged,” etc.

נָבֵל not “feeble-witted” (Pea.), but [godless]. נָבֵל expresses deficiency, not of *intellect*, but of *moral* and *religious* sense: [see, further, Dr. Samuel², 260; *Parallel Psalter*, 457].

בְּנֵי בְלִי שֵׁם [with the cstr. before the negative compound expression, cp. מַכַּח בְּלִי טָרָה (Is. 14⁶) lit., a stroke of non-cessation (G-K. 130a); but in view of בְּנֵי נָבֵל the present phrase means not *sons of no name*, i.e. men without reputation (*Lex. s.v.* בֵּן, 8), but *sons of nameless* (people); the compound expression is virtually an adj. used as a noun defining people].

נִכְבָּא from נָכַח = נָכַח (G-K. 75^{rr}); the Nif. of either does not, however, occur elsewhere. Be.^T suggests נִכְבָּא; but why “are crushed”? Ἐ καὶ κλέος ἐσβέσμενον = נִכְבָּא יָרִים.

9. מִלָּה [see on 4². In the sense of (by-) word (Ἐ θρύλλημα, Ἥ proverbium) only here.

10. מִנִּי [see on 21¹⁶.

מִפְנֵי [withheld not spitting from my face, i.e. shrunk not from spitting in my face (Is. 51⁶). RVm. at the sight of me (lit. from before me) is in the abstract quite possible (Lv. 19³² מִפְנֵי שִׂיבָה חָקוּם; *Lex.* 818a, top); but it is not natural with the negative, לֹא חֲשָׁנוּ. Before me, in (not at) my presence, would, of course, be לִפְנֵי.

11. יִתְרוֹ so Kt. ἘΥ; יִתְרִי Qrê, many MSS, ΣΤ. An interpretation is difficult. יִתְרִי is [apart from 4²¹] a bowstring, Jg. 16^{7, 8, 9} (see Moore), Ps. 112[†] (cf. Arab. *watar*, the string of a bow, or the *chord* of a lute): hence (Capellus, Di. Du.) *he hath loosened* (12¹⁸, Is. 45¹) *my bowstring*, i.e. incapacitated me (the opposite of 29^{20b}), the fig. being that of a warrior disarmed by his bowstring being loosened. Del. similarly, only taking יִתְרִי in the sense of *tent-cord*, fig. for the *cord of life*, as 4²¹; but there is nothing here, like נִסְעָ there, to suggest this figure. ^b will thus mean: And they (the outcasts of vv.²⁻¹⁰) cast off the bridle (of respect, which has previously restrained them) from before him, and heap insults upon him. Upon this view the subj. in ^{11a} is God, and ^{11b} describes what happens when He withdraws from Job the power to defend himself. But the

subj. in ^a and ^b might be the same, the sg. in ^a referring to a typical individual of the class referred to (as often), or פָּתְחוּ וַיַּעֲנֵי being read (so Bu.): "For my cord (*i.e.* the cord, fig. of authority, laid upon them: Bu. alt. יָתָרָם, *their cord*—in the same sense) they have loosened, and humbled me; And cast off the bridle (of respect) from before me": their casting off all regard for Job's authority, and their loss of respect for him, being the ground of their treatment of him described in ^{9, 10}. Or the numbers in ^a and ^b may be assimilated (Di.² Be. Du.) by reading שִׁלַּח in ^b with Θ (Θ) and Υ. Du., regarding ¹² רָגְלִי שָׁלַח as a variant of ¹¹ רָכַן שָׁלַח, and neither as yielding any sense, reads in ^{11b} (with omission of רָגְלִי שָׁלַח in ¹²) רָגְלִי מִפְּנֵי (or, better, רָגְלִי שִׁלַּח) (דָּגְלִי being due to Bi.²): "He (God) hath loosened my bowstring, and humbled me, *my banner* from before me he hath cast down." Θ for ¹¹ has: ἀνοιξας γὰρ φαρέτρην αὐτοῦ ἐκάκωσέν με, [^{11b} = Θ] καὶ χαλινὸν τοῦ προσώπου μου ἐξαπέστειλεν.

12. פָּרַחָה †] 25 MSS פָּרַחָה. [Θ בְּנִיהוֹן, perhaps = פָּרַחָה.] For פָּרַחָה, if correct, see G-K. 84^b_m. Apparently, *a* (low) brood, the brood of these nameless parents: a term of disparagement. Cf. פֶּרֶחַ, both a *young bird* (פָּרַחָה, Ps. 84⁴ al.), and also a *base* or *abject man*, who is driven away: Lane, 2362c; [cp. also כְּהָנָה פָּרַחִי, *youths* (cp. פָּרַח, *blossoms*) of the priesthood: Midd. 1⁸, Joma, 1⁷ לִפְנֵי מִכֵּן כְּהָנָה פָּרַחִי, if he (the high priest) attempted to go to sleep, young priests flipped their fingers before him. In this Mishnic usage, however, the word has not the contemptuous suggestion of the Arabic].

עַל יְמִין] mentioned, not because the accuser stood at the right hand (Ps. 109⁶), but because on his right hand a man is strongest, and feels most secure: even there these outcasts assail and taunt Job. [So we may best explain, if the text is correct, though in this case עַל-יְמִינִי would be more natural. Ehrlich, *Against old age* (lit. *days*) *youth rises up*. But most probably עַל should be read (Bu. Honth. Sgf. al.), עַלִּי in ^b being either a correct variant of עַל יְמִין, or a dittograph of עַלִּי in ^a. Unfortunately Θ failed to translate the line.] Θ (Θ)

ἐπὶ δεξιῶν βλαστοῦ ἐπαρέστησαν. Du.: "in ^{12a} we recognize קומו' . . . עלי, 'against me . . . there rise up'; what stands between these words must be the subj.: מן פרהח [in the older writing זנפרחה] without any too violent change" yields מערכתי, *his* (God's) *lines* (of warriors) (fig. of calamities; cf. 16^{13f}, 19¹² etc.). Very clever and attractive; agreeing well with the fig. of assailants of a fortress in ^c; and perhaps (though not necessarily) right.

רגלי שלחו] *my feet they send on* (14²⁰), *i.e.* they hunt me on from place to place. But this yields a poor sense, out of harmony with the context: even in ^c the foes are still only *approaching* Job. Ew. Di. (with Θ πόδα αὐτῶν ἐξέτειναν) רגליהם or רגלם, Bi.¹ רגל ישלחו, Honth. רגלימו, they *let go their feet*, *i.e.* rush at me (cf. 18⁸ ברשת ברנליו; Jg. 5¹⁵). But even so the sense is poor, and the words seem unnecessary: [moreover, they form a short line interrupting the well-balanced distich (3:3) formed by ^{a, b}]; so Me. Wr. Sgf. Bu. Du. Be. St. are probably right in regarding them (in spite of their being recognized in Θ) as an inexact dittograph of שלחו . . . רסן in ¹¹.

13. נתסרו] for נתצו (so 5 MSS); only here. [נתין elsewhere occurs either (1) of destroying buildings by pulling them *down*, or (2) metaphorically. Here, if the text is correct, the vb. is used exceptionally of breaking *up* a path, and so rendering it impassable.]

נחיתני 3 MSS, Θ שחיתני.

להיות] rd. with [the Oriental] Qrê [and the Western text] להותי; see Gi. and Ba. and n. on 6².

ל' "Unsinn" (Du.): [but, if correct] cf. עור ל', Zec. 1¹⁵. S Grä. יגילי, *rejoice*; but Job's assailants here are not merely rejoicing at his troubles, they are represented as actively *adding* to them (^{12c}, ^{13d}, ¹⁴).

לא עזר למו] "a genuine Arabic description of these pariahs of Ḥauran. Schultens compares a place in the Ḥamāsa, 'We see you ignoble, poor, *laisa lakum min sāir-in-nāsi nāširun*, you have *no helper* among other men'" (Del.). But the context seems to point to more serious assailants than the outcasts of vv. ²⁻¹⁰; hence עזר (Di. Du. Be. Grä. Honth. St.),

"there is *none to restrain them*," is a very probable correction, [if the entire v. is not more seriously at fault]. Bi.² for ¹³ has לִי נָתַם נִתְּבַת לְהוֹתִי יַעֲלֵי וְלֹא עוֹר לִי. & for ^{13b}. c. ¹⁴ has ἐξέδυσαν γάρ μου τὴν στολὴν ("for יַעֲלֵי לְהוֹת reading or conjecturing מַעֲלֵי," Du.). βέλεσιν αὐτοῦ κατηκόντισέν με (= ?; = ? ^{14a} רָבָה בַּחֵץ אֹתִי, Be.), κέχρηται μοι ὡς βούλεται (? = בַּחֵץ for בַּפֶּיץ, ^{14a}, Be.). ἐν ὁδύναϊς πέφυρμαι (seemingly = ^{14b}!). From such a free rendering textual criticism can learn little or nothing. Du., however, taking hints from מַעֲלֵי and βέλεσιν αὐτοῦ, makes, "with bold changes" (Bu.), out of vv. ¹³. ^{14a} the two distichs (in which, it is true, the two middle clauses preserve well the figures of ^{13a} and ^{14a}): נָתַסוּ נְתִיבָתִי יְהִרְסוּ מַעֲלֵי אֵלַי עָטְרוּ רִמְיוֹ כַּפְרִין : לֹא עוֹר לְמוֹ רָחַב יֵאָתִיו : לא עור למו : רחב יאתיו, as I S. 23²⁰; רמיו, as Jer. 4²⁹). [Neither the rhythm of ♀ in v. ¹³ (2 : 2 : 2) nor that of the first distich of Du.'s emendation (2 : 2) is the normal rhythm of Job, though for the one cp. 17¹ n., for the other, 19¹⁴ n. The parallelism of ♀ is bad, of Bi.'s emendation poor, of Du.'s first distich, at least, good. ♀ even with עַר עוֹר is scarcely tolerable.]

14. [תַּחַת שֹׂאָה הַתְּגַלְגָּל] *under the crash* of the falling masonry of the breached (פֶּרִץ ^a) walls, *they*, i.e. Job's enemies, *have rolled on*: so substantially, e.g., EV. Di. Du. Bu. If the root meaning of שֹׂאָה be noisiness (cp. *Isaiah*, ICC, p. 193 (on 10³)), there is no reason why the word should not here refer to the noise of falling masonry, though it does not happen to do so elsewhere, the commoner reference being to the *crash* of a storm (cp. esp. Ezk. 38⁹ כַּעַן וְעֵלִית כִּשְׂוָאָה תְּבֹאָה כַּעַן; and חֲשֹׁה below, v. ²² with n.). But whether, without the addition of עָלִי, הַתְּגַלְגָּל can mean, like הַתְּגַלְגָּל in Gn. 43¹⁸ †, *to assail* with overwhelming force, is open to question; if not, the whole phrase is not, perhaps, a very natural expression for the attack or advance of the enemy. If 34²⁶ justified taking תַּחַת as a syn. of כ (Hitz., who also appealed for this meaning to Gn. 30², Hab. 3⁷, which must certainly be otherwise explained, Ehrlich, Honth.), it would be better to render *like a storm they have rolled on* (cp. Ezk. 38⁹), than, with Hitz., to render תַּחַת שֹׂאָה, "als ein Sturzbach" (cp. *Rabbinic Comm. on Job*, ed. Wright and Hirsch, which explains שֹׂאָה by מַטֵּר סוּחָף). For this, though it

would give a good parallel to פָּרַץ, taken in the sense of פָּרַץ מִים, 2 S. 5²⁰ (cp. RVm. here), places on שָׂאָה an entirely unsupported and improbable meaning. The truth is, the entire method of interpretation which would explain ^{11b} as a parallel to ^{14a} is precarious: ^{15b} and ^{15c} are certainly parallels (note the parallel terms כָּרוּחַ || כָּעֵב || נִרְבַּחְתִּי || יִשְׁעֵתִי); this leaves ^{15a} (the text and meaning of which are sufficiently clear) as the probable fellow to ^{14b}; this suggests that הִתְנַלְּלוּ was originally 1st pers. sing. (|| to עָלִי הֵפֶךְ in ^{15a}), and expressed the treatment (cf. Jer. 51²⁵) or condition (2 S. 20¹²) of the assailed, *i.e.* of Job, not of the assailants. As a matter of fact, G has the 1st pers. (πέφυμαι), though in view of the free rendering of G in these verses (see above) too much weight must not be attached to this.]

15. [הִפְּכָה] cf. 20²⁵ (as emended). The constr. is sufficiently explained by G-K. 121*b* (cf. 28¹⁸; and with a Hof., Ex. 10⁸ 27⁷). The Hof., however, is found only here: hence Du., with 1 MS, תִּפְּכָה (G-K. 145*k*); Be.^K תִּפְּכָה or נִהְפְּכוּ. But how can Be.^K say "l.c. נִהְפְּכוּ"? Supposing G^S read הִפְּכָה, how could this be expressed in Greek or Syriac except by a plural verb? EVV. have "are turned"; and their translators beyond question read הִפְּכָה.

[תִּרְרָה] the 3 f. sg. referring to בָּלָהוּת, G-K. 145*k*, as 27²⁰, with the same subj. But "pursue" is a poor and unsuitable idea: rd. with Bu. Grä. Du. Be. (alt.) תִּנְרָה, *is driven away* (Ps. 68³).

תִּקְוֹתִי G μου ἡ ἐλπίς; Bu. טוֹבָתִי; Vo. תִּקְוֹתִי.

[יִשְׁעֵתִי] 'here means material *welfare*, easy circumstances;

cp. יִשַׁע in 2 S. 23⁵, and in Arabic سَعَة, *abundance, amplitude*, of fortune: *e.g.* سَعَة مِنْ الْمَالِ, *abundance of money*, Qor. 2²¹⁸; لِيُنْفِقْ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِنْ سَعَتِهِ, let him that hath *abundance* give of his abundance, 65⁷; cp. 24²². Arabic also retains the original physical meaning of the root, *to be wide, broad*: *e.g.* إِنَّ أَرْضِي

وَاسِعَةٌ, My earth is *broad*, Qor. 29⁵⁶; Ex. 34²⁴ (Saad) وَسِعَ = הִרְחִיב. In Hebrew the more common meaning of יִשַׁע is *deliverance, salvation*, though, as Dr. well points out (on 1 S.

14¹⁵), the terms regularly retain in Hebrew, even with this nuance, the *material* sense which is specially illustrated by this passage and the passages in the Qor., and seldom, if ever, even in the prophets, express a *spiritual* state exclusively.]

16. [עלי] For this very idiomatic עלי—not to be omitted (Bi.¹–Bi.² omits the whole v., Du.), even for the metre—cf. Ps. 42⁵; and see on 10¹. [If the 4 : 3 rhythm (17¹⁴ n.) of וְיָאֵל needs to be restored to 3 : 3, omit rather וְעָתָה as a dittograph of עָתָה (י ש) in v.¹⁵: so Be.^K with a ?.]

יָמֵי Du. אֲמִי [if not הַבִּלִּי, as 36⁸], *the terrors of* (on the ground that וְיָאֵל produces a disagreeable repetition in 27^b, and that יָמֵי may have been suggested by לֵילָה in v.¹⁷; but see next n.).

17. [The rhythm in וְיָאֵל is again 4 : 3 (17¹⁴ n.), if not 2 : 2 : 2 (17¹ n.); but possibly לֵילָה (suggested by יָמֵי in 16 (see n.)) or מַעֲלִי, which is not apparently suitable for reference to bones (Du.), is an addition.]

לֵילָה בָּקָר] Either (Di. Del. Du. Be.) *the night* (personified, as 3³) *corrodes*, or *by night he* (God) *corrodes* . . . , or (Bu.) בָּקָר may be read (constr. as v.^{15a}: G–K. 121b). בָּקָר is to *bore* in Pi. to *work at boring*, to *bore away piecemeal* (G–K. 52f) = to *corrode*.

לֹא בִלְתָּהּ [מַעֲלִי] *from upon me*, a frequent constr., like Dt. 8⁴ לֹא בִלְתָּהּ מַעֲלִיד, did not wear away (and fall) *from upon* thee, 29⁴ (Lex. 758b). So v.³⁰.

עֶרְקִי] *my gnawers* (v.³), *i.e.* my gnawing (pains). AV. R^{Vm}. *my sinews*, following Kimchi [and Ibn Ezra, who says that in Arabic the word means נִירִים]: so already Ε (νεῦρα [elsewhere = נִיר]); [cp. Aram. עֶרְקָא, עֶרְקָתָא, the leather *thong* (of a shoe), or a leather *strap*, and similarly גִּסְלָן, גִּסְלָן: Arab. عَصْفَة, *nervus bovis quo percuti solet* (Freytag from *Qamūs*). Nachmanides, comparing עֶרְקִי דְּבָרוֹל, Ezk. 27¹⁹ עֶרְקִי, explains the word here as *veins* (see Levy, *Chald. Wörterbuch*, 247b); this would give a good parallel to עֶרְקִי; but no better a parallel and not so good a subj. to שִׁכְבָּנוּ as עֶרְקִי, *my fleshless bones*; cp. عَرَق, a bone of which the flesh has been consumed (Ehrlich)].

18. [יִתְחַפֵּשׂ] הִתְחַפֵּשׂ, lit. to let oneself be sought for and so

to *disguise* (1 S. 28^s, 1 K. 20³⁸ 22³⁰), *disfigure oneself*. [C Sgf. Be.^T (Be.^K with a?), Ehrlich יִתְפֶּיט; in this case it would be best, with Ehrlich, also to emend in ^b: כִּפִּי for כָּפִי and יִאֲחֹזִי for יִאֲזֹרִי.] Bu. בְּשָׁרִי for לְבוּשִׁי (through an intermediate error לְבוּשִׁי, corrected to לְבוּשִׁי on account of the || כִּתְנִי): this would be very suitable so far as ^a goes, but it agrees badly with ^b, “like my tunic, it (my flesh) girds me”; כִּפִּי, it is true, means *according to*, but as a mere particle of comparison ׀ is regularly employed, so that the ordinary rendering *like* (the collar, lit.) *the mouth of* has a strong presumption to be the correct one; יִאֲזֹרִי, also, is more than “umfängt mich.” Du. כִּרְבִּי כִּחִישׁ לְבוּשִׁי יִתְחַבֵּא, through great leanness (16^v) my garment contracts itself (zieht sich zusammen); but, though כִּחִישׁ (so Renan, Wr.) may very well be right, the sense given for יִתְחַבֵּא rests upon the very doubtful view that it is a by-form (or scribal error) for יִתְחַמֵּא (from חִמְצָא, *curdled milk*), *sich verdichten* (see Du. on 38³⁰). Peake, in calling it an “excellent” emendation, cannot have noticed the grounds upon which it rests.

19. הוֹרְנִי] He (*i.e.* God; see on 3²⁰) hath cast me: הוֹרָה, like יָרָה, Ex. 15⁴ al.: the Hif. [= *to cast*] elsewhere only of shooting *arrows*, as 1 S. 20³⁶ al. The clause is very short: Bu. Honth. rd. הֲרִנִי אֵל; Vo. הוֹרִיתִנִי [which prepares the way for the 2nd pers. in v.²⁰]; Du. (on account of the Hif. in the otherwise unattested *general* sense of *cast*) הוֹרְנִי אֵל. הוֹרְנִי is probable: with its two beats, אֵל might be dispensed with [yet neither הוֹרִיתִנִי nor הוֹרְנִי is very likely to have received a double stress. Insert הִנֵּה before הֲרִנִי (cp. הִנֵּה before the 2nd pers. pf. in 4³ and before the 1st pers. pf. in 13¹⁸ 33², and הֵן before the 1st pers. pf. in 21²⁷ 32¹¹), or הוֹרְנִי אֵל before הוֹרְנִי: cp. 8²⁰ 36²². The loss arose from the eye passing from the ה of הוֹרְנִי or הִנֵּה to that of הֲרִנִי].

20b. I stand (in prayer, and waiting for an answer), but thou (merely) lookest closely (31¹ sq. עַל; 37¹⁴ sq. acc.; sq. אֵל, 1 K. 3²¹, Is. 14¹⁶; sq. ב, Jer. 30²⁴) at me (doing nothing more); but we should expect something more definite to be expressed by both verbs. 1 MS S Me. Hi. Bu. Be. עֲמַדְתָּ, “thou standest, and lookest (unmoved) at me,” where, the subj. of both verbs being now the same, *thou standest* does

a little point the way to the meaning of והתבונן: the thought is also suitable, but some such expression as *and hidest thy face*, or *and lookest away* (cf. 7²⁹ 10²⁴), is still what would be expected. MS⁵⁹⁸ F (et non respicis me) ולא התבונן בי: so Bi.¹ (Bi.² with G omits the line), Sgf. Be. St. Vo. In view of the very forced sense which upon other interpretations has been pressed upon התבונן, it seems best to adopt this reading (with *I stand*): the לא may have been omitted upon dogmatic grounds. Du. obtains the same sense, less satisfactorily, by reading עמדך ב' מהתבונן בי, thou *hast stopped* (Gn. 29³⁵ והעמד מן־הבונן) from paying attention to me.

21. [תשטמיני G με ἐμαστέλωσας = תשטמיני.

22. תשִׁיחַה, Kt.; תשִׁיחַה, Qrē] תשִׁיחַה stands for—or, better, is an error for—תשִׁיחַה or (36²⁰ 39⁷) תשִׁיחַה, the *crash* of the storm (as 36²⁰),—an accus. either (Di.) of motion (cf. 28 נָוֶה) or, better, of the product (see G-K. 117ii), Job representing himself hyperbolically, not merely as vanishing *in*, but as dissipated *into*, the crash of the storm. The Qrē תשִׁיחַה (see on 5¹²), as it stands, yields no sense: but Du., insisting that the Kt., if adopted, must be understood literally (which, of course, is out of the question), prefixing בָּן, adopts it, reading בָּן תשִׁיחַה, “dissolvest me *ohne Bestand, ohne Halt*” (cf. Θ καὶ ἀτέρριψάς με ἀπὸ σωτηρίας—though this is slender evidence that בָּן was *read*); but this gives תשִׁיחַה a highly questionable sense (see p. 31 f.). G ἔταξας δέ με ἐν ὁδούrais (now 22a; but, as Bi.² pointed out, in reality = 22b) M; Origen, not perceiving this, supplied from Θ wrongly, as 22b καὶ ἀτέρριψάς με ἀπὸ σωτηρίας). S (סמלללל סןסלללל), T (והטמיני בחשיהא; v. ChHb. ii. 564), Y (elisisti me valide) do not recognize either תשִׁיחַה or (at least distinctly) תשִׁיחַה, but see in it mostly some word suggesting the idea of *pain* or *weakness* (cf. T תשִׁיחַה, to be *weak*).

23. [מָוֶה תשיבני] with omission of בִּי, as Ps. 9²¹, Am. 5¹² al. Du., arguing that to bring *back* to death (where Job has not been before) is an unsuitable idea, reads תשיבני, wilt make me *dwell with death* (i.e. in Sheol); but the accus. of place after תשיב is questionable, nor is the change itself necessary (see on 1²¹).

24. Obviously corrupt. ח has been rendered: (1) Howbeit in a ruin will not one stretch out a hand (to save himself)? Or in his calamity (will there not be) therefore a cry for help? So substantially Ew. Hrzs. Del. Dav. and RVm., though בִּעֵי cannot mean lit. "in his fall"; עֵי is a *ruined heap*, Jer. 26¹⁸, Ps. 79¹ al.; לָהֶן , lit. *for these things*, in a neuter sense, cf. on בָּהֶם , 22²¹, or לָהֶן , Di., as Ru. 1¹³ (*Lex.* 1099a), and (Aram.) Dn. 2⁶; but the constr. remains harsh: יִשְׁעֵי , *cry for help*, cf. Is. 22⁵ [if the text be correct], $\text{יִשְׁעֵי אֱלֹהֵיהֶם}$, Ps. 5³ לִקְוֹל יִשְׁעֵי ; (2) Surely against a ruin (fig. for Job, who describes his shattered frame as a heap of ruins) one (*or* he, *i.e.* God) will not stretch out a (hostile) hand; Or do they (his hands) gain riches (יִשְׁעֵי , as 36¹⁹) in its calamity (the calamity of the ruin, virtually = the calamity of another man)? So Hi. and substantially Dav. alt., AV. also in ^a. יִשְׁלַח יָד ב' , as 28⁹: but the rendering of ^b is extremely forced. בָּעֵי for בָּעֵי , and לֹא יִשְׁעֵי for לֹא יִשְׁעֵי , suggested tentatively by Di., yield a satisfactory sense and have been generally accepted (*e.g.* by Bi. Bu. Du.): "Howbeit, will not one *sinking* stretch out a hand? and in his calamity *will* not one *cry for help*?" Be. objects that יִשְׁלַח יָד does not, like פִּי־יָד , mean *stretch out a hand* (for help), but would rather mean *stretch forth a* (helping) *hand*, and proposes (as Wr. [previously in the interest of a rather different interpretation of the v.] בָּעֵי for בָּעֵי , rendering, Have I (reading אֲשַׁלַּח , but שִׁלַּחְתִּי would be better: cp. the pfs. in ²⁵) not given a (helping) hand to the poor, And (Be., not Wr., reading לֹא נִשְׁעֵי for לֹא יִשְׁעֵי) was he not saved (by me) in his calamity?). Be.'s objection to the use of יִשְׁלַח יָד in the alternative emendation is scarcely conclusive; for if, as in his own, it means to extend the hand to take hold of the poor in order to help him, why should it not mean to extend the hand to catch at something in order to save oneself? [Yet on other grounds Be.'s emendation deserves consideration: see exegetical n.]

25 [אִם-לֹא וְגו'] *Is it that I wept not . . . that my soul grieved not?* (No; I did weep). The interrog. אִם expecting the answer *No*, as 6¹² (*Lex.* 50b). The force of לֹא in ^a extends to ^b as in 28¹⁷; G-K. 152z. If v.²⁵ is a misplaced fragment of c. 31, then לֹא אִם means as usual *if not*, and its force extends to ^b.]

[קָשָׁה יוֹם] “*unfortunate*, lit. *hard of day*, *i.e.* one upon whom times are hard (cp. *δυσσημερία*)” —Dr. on 1 S. 1¹⁵, where G reads יוֹם קִשְׁתָּה יוֹם (רוח הַ).

[עֲנִיָּה נֶפֶשׁ] cf. Is. 19¹⁰ אֲנִי נֶפֶשׁ. עֲנִיָּה here and Ru. 1¹³ (עֲנִיָּה for עֲנִיָּה); נֶפֶשׁוֹ עֲנִיָּה, Ber. 55b, al.

[לְאִבִּיו] Du. אִבִּי for אָבִי, נֶפֶשׁוֹ for נֶפֶשׁ, בָּכִי or בָּכִית, *weeping*, for בָּכִיתִי.]

26. [וַאֲיַחֲלָה] וַ is anomalous for וְ (so, *e.g.*, Jg. 6⁹, 2 S. 1¹⁰; Dr. § 66 *n.*; G–K. 49c), which, however, should no doubt be read.

28. [הִלַּכְתִּי] the intensive Pi. (G–K. 52f), as Ps. 38⁷ כָּל־הַיּוֹם קָדַר הִלַּכְתִּי (and often in other connections, as 24¹⁰).

[בְּלֹא חֶמֶה] קָדַר הִלַּכְתִּי means (go about)—not mourning *mentally*, but *squalid* and *dark* in attire and appearance (cf. on 5¹¹): Ew. now refers קָדַר to the dark, unkempt skin of a mourner (*quasi sordida vestis*), Del. to the dark colour of the sackcloth worn in mourning, Di. to his “schmutzig trübe Aussehen.” Del. then understands בְּלֹא חֶמֶה, *without the sun*, as = בְּלֹא אֹר חֶמֶה, of Job’s *sunless* (*i.e.* miserable) condition; Di. renders to go darkened (in appearance, *i.e.* in skin), *without* (8¹¹ = *but not by*) the sun. Hi. Du. I go blackened, but not by the sun (the reference being to the dark skin of a leper; but this seems to anticipate v.³⁰, where (Del.) the blackening of the skin is referred to, with the word properly expressing it, יִשָּׁחַר). Bu. argues that with הִלַּכְתִּי, קָדַר can refer only to the attire, not to the skin; and hence rejects Di.’s explanation, because (as Di. himself had said) if קָדַר refers to the dark *attire*, בְּלֹא חֶמֶה would be pointless, as it would be obvious to every one that darkness of attire would not be produced by the sun; but the argument is hardly conclusive. חֶמֶה [etymologically] denotes the sun (Is. 24²³ 30²⁶, Ca. 6¹⁰†), not on the side of its *light*, but on that of its *warmth* (Ps. 19⁷), and this might be thought to favour Di.’s explanation: on the other hand, in actual usage, it seems to denote the sun as a source of light even more than as a source of warmth, so that the etymology seems to have been disregarded. It must be admitted that בְּלֹא חֶמֶה yields an ambiguous and unsatisfactory sense. Of the emendations

proposed, the neatest is Du.'s בלא נחמה, *without comfort* (6¹⁰), which is very attractive (so Bu.): others are (Voigt) בלא חֲדוּה, *without joy* (Aram.: also 1 Ch. 16²⁷, Neh. 8^{10†}), (Be.^K) בלא חֲמֶה = *undesired* (cp. 2 Ch. 21²⁰). Ε (ἀνευ φιμοῦ, corrupt for θυμοῦ) expresses בלא חֲמֶה (so Σ ἀθυμῶν, ΣF; 1 MS חֲמֶה, and 2 MSS חֲמֶה); but this is evidently unsuited to the context. Still the rendering shows that Ε had the same consonants as ff.

[בקהל אשוע] Du. בקהל שועלים; but this anticipates v.²⁹ and gives a bad parallel whether to בלא חמה (ff), or to Du.'s emendation בלא נחמה in ^a. Moreover] Du. does not make Job a jackal, or even (as v.²⁹) *like* jackals: and if the "assembly of jackals" is (as it must be) to be understood figuratively, why may not [ff] קהל (of men) be so understood? [Be^K rather feebly בקול or בקולי for בקהל.]

28. [אשוע] the impf. has almost the force of a final clause [—*crying* or *to cry*]; cf. 16^s 24¹⁴ (Dr. 163; G-K. 120c, 156e) [with the notes there: cp., further, Ps. 88¹¹ 102¹⁴ both, as here, after קום].

[קמת] not ק' [and consequently not בקהל, but בק']: see Del.

30. [מעלי] frequent, as v.¹⁷.—Ε μεγάλως.

[חרר] from חרר (cf. Ps. 102⁴ נָחַרְו כְּמוֹקֵד נָחַרְו): עָצָם, fem., as 19²⁰, Ps. 102⁶ (עצמי לְבָשָׁרִי). (דבקה עצמי לְבָשָׁרִי).

CHAPTER XXXI.

1. [וימה] *how, then, . . . ?* Of course, a negative answer is expected. Interrog. pronouns and adverbs are often in Heb. used rhetorically to express the sense of a negative (as *Who . . . ? = no one, or Where . . . ? = nowhere*); and in Arab. لَا (= مَا) has become an ordinary negative. Cf. Ca. 8⁴ (after (ה)שבעתי אתכם מִהֲתַעֲרִירוּ (for which the || 2⁷ has (א)סִתַּעֲרִירוּ); and see *Lex.* p. 553^b. Du. מִהֲתַבּוֹנִין: correct Hebrew, but prosaic.

2. [חלק אלוה] the gen. is subjective: the lot which God allots; elsewhere after חלק it is objective (Ehrlich): the lot which is allotted to some one; so, *e.g.*, 20²⁹, Dt. 32⁹, and especially c. 27¹³. So with נחלת, subjective gen., ct. 27¹³ (objective), but cp. Ps. 127³ נחלת יהוה בנים [נחלת].]

[ממרומים . . . ממעל] 3⁴ n.]

3. [לעזל] Grimme, *m. c.* לְעֵלִים.—Ley, Du. נָכַח, *m. c.* after לְעֵלִי.

[נָכַח] Ob.¹² נָכַח.

5. [שוא] Bi.¹ Ley, *m. c.* אֲנִשִּׁי שׁוֹא (cp. עַם א' רָשָׁע, 34⁸); 2 MSS Bi.² Grimme נָחִי שׁוֹא (11¹¹): but the || has the abstract מַרְמָה.

[וּתְחִישׁ] an anomalous punctuation for וּתְחִישׁ (from חָשׂ), which no doubt should be read (G-K. 72 ff.). וּתְחִישׁ could only come normally from חִשָּׂה, to *be silent*. Cf. וּתְשַׁעַט, 1 S. 15¹⁹, which should be וּתְשַׁעַט (from עִשׂ).

[על] for אֵל: *Lex.* 41a.]

6. [ישקלני] indef. subj.: G-K. 144^d; but Di. treats אלוה in ^b as the subj. of ^a also, it being first mentioned in ^b for rhythmical reasons.]

7. [מְנִי־הַדָּרֶךְ] Rd. מְנִי דֶרֶךְ or מִן־הַדָּרֶךְ, as “מְנִי” [6¹⁶ n.] in Job occurs only here before the art. or a toneless syll.” (Bu.).

[כִּיאֹם] with quiescent א (G-K. 23c), for the normal מִיּוֹם

(11¹⁵), as Dn 1⁴†. 1 MS and the Orient. Kt., מְאוֹמָה, *anything*. ס (סֹמֶן), ט (טָעַם חבולא), need not have read מאומה, but may have only taken מאום as = מאומה. If the reading is correct, מאום would seem to be the original form (Kö. ii. 146); but no מְאוֹמָה is known.

8. [יִשְׁרָשְׁוּ Be.^K יִרְשָׁשׁוּ (from רִשָּׁה), *are impoverished*,—taking צִמְצָמִים in its usual sense of *offspring* [5²⁵ 21⁸ 27¹⁴]. Needless: see Is. 42⁵ (הָאֶרֶץ וְצִמְצָמֶיהָ); [and note the parallelism here, *let me sow*. Though, perhaps, if the *produce of Job's fields* was intended, we should read יִשְׁרָשׁוּ; this yields a better rhythm, and שָׂרִי may easily have been lost through haplography. This is preferable to inserting כל before צִמְצָמִים, or, on the ground of ἐπὶ γῆς in G's paraphrase, adding בארץ—Be.^T (only tentatively)].

9. [עַל אִשָּׁה] על *on account of* (as, e.g., Gn. 21¹², Dt. 24¹⁶, Ps. 44²³; *Lex.* 754a), unless על is here used for אֵל (v.⁵ n.), in which case *unto* (RV.); cp. the probably dependent passage Ecclus. 9⁹ אֵלֶיהָ לְבָךְ (? 1. תַּפְתָּהּ). אִשָּׁה (*married woman, wife*, (as, e.g., Pr. 6²⁹, Lev. 18⁸ (*Lex.* 61a)) as the parallel here indicates].

[עַל־פֶּתַח] *by, or about, the door of*; not *at the door of*, i.e. immediately in front of, or in the doorway, which is regularly expressed by the acc. פֶּתַח with following gen. (so, e.g., Gn. 19¹¹ 43¹⁹, Ex. 29⁴² 33⁸ 38⁸, Lv. 1⁵ 8³⁵, Nu. 6¹⁸, Jg. 4²⁰ 19²⁷), or more rarely by לַפֶּתַח (Gn. 4⁷, Nu. 11¹⁰, Pr. 9¹⁴), or בַּפֶּתַח (1 K. 4¹⁵, Ezk. 11¹); cp. עַל־שַׁעֲרֵי צְדִיק (Pr. 14¹⁹), the wicked (hang) *about* the gates of the righteous (as suppliants). Ehrlich has no ground, therefore, for his improbable suggestion that the line means lay in wait for the door (i.e. the wife) of my neighbour].

10. [תַּתְּחִין] Hfm. (with a ?) תַּתְּחִין (*sensu obscæno*): “perhaps better,” Bu. Be. But the thought is sufficiently expressed in ^b. [On the other hand, if ^b expresses this sense—and the principle that punishment should be of like kind with the sin is in favour of this—parallelism favours giving to ^a the same sense. Ehrlich, thinking even ^b too coarse, assimilates ^b to ^a by reading יִכְרֹן (cp. 40³⁰) for יִכְרַעַן אַחֲרָיו, thereby getting rid of אַחֲרָיו in ^b after אַחֲרָיו in ^a.]

[אַחֲרָיו] see on 24²² (חֵיין).

II. הוּא . . . הוּא] הוא, *that* (in a neuter sense), referring to the crime of ⁹ הוּא referring to זָמָה in ^a. “The Qr̥c each time needlessly assimilates the pron. to the pred.” (Di.): cf. G-K. 145^u, n. 3. ^{11a} is short: so Ley would prefix הָטָא or דָּבַר to זָמָה, Du. would read וְזָכָרָה after זָמָה; but (Bu.) the short emphatic line may be intentional.

עָזָן פְּלִילִים] grammatically impossible. A “Mass. compromise” (Di.) between עָזָן פְּלִילִים and (v.²⁸) עָזָן פְּלִילִי, one or other of which must, of course, be read here. Me. Hi. Sgf. Bi. Di. read עָזָן פְּלִילִים (Del. defends עָזָן, as intended to guard against the immediate reference of עָזָן to פְּלִילִים, as though these were the doers of the deed): Bu. Be. Du. read עָזָן פְּלִילִי (so *c.* 20 MSS), as supported by ²⁸.

12. כִּי אִשׁ הוּא וְגו' [G-K. 155^f].

וּבִכְל תְּבִאֲתִי תִשְׂרֹשׁ] [if the text be right the בִּי is best explained not partitively as in 21²⁵, but as introducing the obj. regarded as the means or instrument of the action: cp. 16¹ n.; Del. compares ב in *ḵara'a bi-suwarī*, he has read the suras (of the Koran). But the vb. תִּשְׂרֹשׁ is suspect here, partly because it does not naturally go with the subj. אִשׁ, partly because it occurs so soon again after v.⁸: hence Du. [תִּשְׂרֹף].

13. No doubt the *athnah* should stand at עֲבָדִי, the second gen. (cf. G-K. 128^a) to מִשְׁפָּט being separated, for the sake of the rhythm, from its *nom. regens* (Bu.); [cp. Gray, *Forms*, 78 f., for the form of parallelism. If it were necessary to make the parallelism more complete and the cstr. easier, we might read [רִיבָה for רִיבָה].

14. [וְזָמָה] Dr. § 124.

[יָקוּם] ἔ (ἐὰν ἔτασιν μου ποιῇται) יָקוּם; so Be. But this (Bu.) “is too strong: God’s rising up from his apparent inactivity and indifference to what is taking place in the world is what is meant (Ps. 3⁸ al.).”

15. [וְיִבְנֶנּוּ] the sense requires the sf. of 1st pl. (יִבְנֶנּוּ), which must accordingly be read (G-K. 58^k): [Ehrlich ה- in reference to אֲנַחֲתִי in ¹²]; וְיִבְנֶנּוּ as it stands must be Qal; but בָּנָה (not used in Heb.) as its uses in Ph. Arab. Eth. (in which it is the common word for to *be*, weakened from to *be established* or to

subsist, show, would, if it were in use, be intrans. : a contraction from וִיכֹנְנִי is contrary to Heb. analogy ; cp. 41², Is. 64⁶, Jb. 17⁴ [where similar errors seem to occur] : see G-K. 72cc ; וִיכֹנְנִי must therefore be read (וִיכִנְנִי is less suitable : see, for the Pol., in a similar connection, Dt. 32⁶, Ps. 119⁷³).

[בְּרַחֵם אַחֵר] מִי rightily allows אַחֵר, One (and the same God), to be the subj. (so T Jer. al.) ; Ε ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ κοιλίᾳ, S (Symm. ἐν ὁμοίῳ τρόπῳ) = בְּרַחֵם אַחֵר ; so Geiger (Del.), Ehrlich, Del. appealing to Gn. 41²⁶, for אַחֵר used of similarity not identity.]

16. [מִחֶפֶץ דָּלִים] constr. as Nu. 24¹¹ מִמֶּבֶד 'מִנְעֵד, Qo. 2¹⁰ ; or מן partitive (as Nu. 11¹⁷, Ps. 137³ ; Lex. 580b) is also possible, idiomatic, and perhaps right.

18. [גְּדַלְנִי] גְּדַלְנִי is to be explained by G-K. 117x (the suffix used with the force of a dative, or sometimes of another prepositional relation, as Zec. 7⁵ [צִמְחֵנִי] : [so Ibn Ezra = עִמִּי]. But the constr. is harsh : and perhaps [if the meaning of מִי is to be retained] אֶגְדַּלְנִי (Grä. Grimme, Bu.) should be read ; and, further, since the reference to the widow is not very natural, אֶנְחֵנָה may be an error for אֶנְחֵנִי (the suffix referring to the orphan) ; and the hyperbolical אִמִּי מִבְּטֵן אִמִּי could be removed by reading אִמִּי מִבְּטֵן. [But it is easier and yields a more satisfactory sense than מִי (see exegetical n.) to point גְּדַלְנִי (T אֶסְנִיאֲנִי : cp. Rabbinic Comm. (ed. Wright and Hirsch) (מִנְעוּרִי גְּדַלְנִי הָק' כִּאִילוֹ הוּא אָבִי וְלִכְךָ הֵייתִי גַם אֲנִי מִטֵּיב לְאַחֵרִים כְּמוֹנִי), and to read יִנְחֵנִי (or נֶחֱנִי—Me. Bi.¹ Du. Oo. Be.^K Vo.). Ε (and so Bi.²) omits the entire v. ; Θ ὅτι ἐκ νεότητός μου ἐξέτρεφον (גְּדַלְנִי) ὡς πατήρ, καὶ ἐκ γαστρὸς μητρός μου ὠδήγησά : Ψ Quia ab infantia mea crevit mecum miseratio (= בְּאֵב), et de utero matris meæ egressa est mecum.]

20. [אִם לֹא] Du. וְלֹא.

[יִתְחַמֵּם] the pausal form (G-K. 54k).

21. [עַל יְתוֹם] [so ΕΜ, but] the יְתוֹם has been mentioned in 17 : so Du.'s עֲלֵי־יְתוֹם [resolution of יְתוֹם¹] (so Be.^K : cf. 6²⁷) may be right (Grä., before Du., had already proposed יְתוֹם for יְתוֹם).

22. [מִשְׁקָמָהּ] the sf. of the 3d fem. sg. pronounced lightly,

and the peculiarity protected by *Raphè* (G-K. 91e, where other examples are cited. So ^bקָנָה for קָנָה from קָנָה).

אֲזַרְעִי] the form אֲזַרְעִי, as Jer. 32²¹ †.

קָנָה [commonly meaning *the* (hollow tube of the) *reed* (so also Assy. *ḫanû*) occurs here only in the transferred sense of the hollow of the *socket* or *joint* into which the arm fits].

23. כִּי פָחַד אֱלֹהִים אֵיד אֵל [(1) Di. and most, For a terror coming (אֵל, not ל) unto me was the calamity (*i.e.* retribution; cf. v.³) of God; (2) Hi. Del. (guided by Jer. 21⁹ וְלֹא פָחַדְתִּי אֵלַיךְ, “and (the fact that) my terror (reached) not unto thee”), For terror (would come) unto me, (even) the calamity of God (אֵיד אֵל, a “permutative” of פָּחַד אֵל and (Del.) “אֵלִי = אֵלִי (יהיה)”). Of these (1) is best: in (2) the ellipse of “would come” is awkward, nor does Jer. 21⁹ fix the construction of the present verse. But the sense of (2) is well expressed by the emendation of Du. (so Honth. Be.^K Bu.) כִּי פָחַד אֵל יֵאָחֶה לִּי, For the terror of God would come unto me; a transcriber of יֵאָחֶה wrote the Aram. form יֵאָחֶה (cf. Dt. 33²¹, Is. 21¹²), and the change of לִי כִּי פָחַד פָּחַדְתִּי וְיֵאָחֶה לִי to אֵל אֵל would be easy; cf. 3²⁵ וְיֵאָחֶה לִי, 13¹¹ וּפָחַדוּ יַפְלֵ עֲלֵיכֶם (with שְׂאֵתוּ ||). But אֵל, as rendered by Di., is not necessarily incorrect. [But neither אֵל nor the emendation gives a very good parallel to ^b, and אֵל אֵל look like corrupt variants of פָּחַד אֵל: possibly the original third word of the line (עֲזָרְנִי ?) has fallen out.]

24. מִבְּטָחַי] with *d. f. implic.*; G-K. 95pp.

25. כְּבִיר] cf. 8² n.

26. יִקְרֶה הֹלֵךְ] lit. moving along, as a glorious one; Bu. as a *jewel* (accus. of state, as 19^{25b}, עָרוֹם 24^{7.10} 27¹⁹, Ru. 1²¹ al.; G-K. 118n). יִקְרֶה, in its Aram. sense of *glorious*: cf. יִקְרֶה = יִקְרֶה, Dt. 28⁵⁸, Is. 23⁸; יִקְרֶה, יִקְרֶה, Ps. 8⁶ 24⁸ al. (cf. יִקְרֶה in Heb. = *glory, beauty*).

27. [יִפְתָּה] [so pointed in אֵל], Qal, as Dt. 11¹⁶ [אֵל]: above, v.⁹ (נִפְתָּה), and Jer. 20⁷ (וִיפְתָּה), the Nif.

28. עֵינִי פָלִילִי] cf. on v.¹¹.

כַּחֲשַׁתִּי] for then *I should have* lied to: G-K. 106p.

29. וְהִתְעַזְרִיתִי] The pf. with *warw consec.* (carrying on, in

a frequentative sense, אַם אִשְׁמָה) with the tone held back on account of the disj. acc. (Dr. 104, 113 β). Similarly Ps. 19¹⁴ 28¹ וְהִרְיעַתִּי (וִיבְבִית) suggests וְהִרְיעַתִּי, —or, better, וְהִתְלַעְעַתִּי (Ps. 60¹⁰ 65¹⁴), which might be right.

30. נָתַתִּי לַחֲמָא חָבִי = *permitted it to sin*: cf. Gn. 20⁶, Ex. 3¹⁰ al. (G-K. 157^b, n.).

31. לֹא נִשְׁבַּע [לֹא נִשְׁבַּע is the Nif. ptc. : the ptc. negatived by לֹא, as Jer. 2⁹ 18¹⁵ (*not* Is. 62¹², cited by Del. by an oversight): Dr. 162 n., *Lex.* s.v. לֹא 2b (p. 519^b). Du., thinking the thought of the text expressed too hyperbolically, omits יִתֵּן: Who is there unsatisfied with his flesh? נִשְׁבַּע is then, of course, the Nif. *perf.* in pause. [If the text be retained, cp. the use of מִי יִתֵּן in 14⁴. The Nif. of שָׁבַע occurs only here. The line can also, of course, be rendered (AV., RVm.): Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied (without it); but this would be feebler, even if it were not ruled out by the fact that the men of Job's household enjoyed, and did not need to long for, this festal food. Ehrlich also takes נִשְׁבַּע as 1st impf. *Qal* pausal form; but his view of the text rests on a peculiar and in some respects a very improbable treatment of other details: מְתֵי אֱהִי are the *unworthy* members of Job's household; the suffix in בָּשָׂר refers to the מִשְׁנֵאֵי of v.²⁹ (cp. the fig. use of מִבָּשָׂר in 19²²); not to be satisfied with any one's flesh means not to be able to take vengeance enough on him. Bi. taking נִשְׁבַּע in the same sense, omitting לֹא in both lines (cp. G) and reading בָּשָׂר for מִבָּשָׂר, obtains easy Hebrew, but in view of ³² a less probable meaning: Job's *servants* (G his *maid*-servants, as though reading וְהִתְלַעְעַתוּ) never complained of not having enough to eat.]

32. לְאַרְחָה [Rd. with G (παντὶ ἐλλόθοντι), 'A (ὁδοιπόρῳ), S (לַיָּנִי), Y (viatori), T (יאכסניא, ξένος), Ol. Bi. Di. Bu. etc. גֵּר, as Jer. 14⁸].

33. כְּאָדָם (1) as *Adam* (T EVV. Schl. Del. Hi.); but the reference here is to concealment, not from God, but from men; (2) as (ordinary) *men* (Ew. Di. Dav. RVm.: cf. Ps. 82⁷ אֲנִי כְּאָדָם תְּמוּתוֹן; also Hos. 6⁷ וְהָמָּה כְּאָדָם עָבְרוּ בְרִית, where, however, the constr. may be, as men who have transgressed a

covenant); (3) Du. Be.^K (with?) בָּאֲדָם, *among men*; (4) Grä. Bu. מֵאָדָם [Ehrlich וְאָדָם, a parenthesis, but Is. 26¹¹ is very precarious support for such a parenthesis].

לְטִמּוֹן] *in hiding* (G-K. 1140).

בְּחִבִּי חָב, as in the *Palest. Targum*, as Pr. 5²⁰, Ex. 4⁶, Ps.-J.

34. בִּי gives the reason for the hypothetical action כְּסִיתִי, which, as a fact, did not take place: "If I have covered . . . ; Because I dreaded the great multitude, and (because) the contempt of families terrified me, So that (*lit.* and so) I kept silence, not going out of the door"; וְ in וְאָדָם continuing the description of the hypothetical series of events, which did not take place (cf. Gn. 31²⁷, Jer. 20¹⁷; Dr. 74).

עָרַן [אֶעְרֹץ, to *dread*, as Dt. 1²⁰ 7²¹ al.; in this sense, only here with an accus. (in another sense, it occurs so c. 13²⁵).

רְבָה rd. רָב (Albrecht, *ZAW*, 1895, p. 318; Bu.): הָמוֹן is elsewhere always masc.

לֹא אֵצֵא פֶתַח] the synchronistic (frequent.) impf.; see on 16⁸. In English one may render in such cases by a ptc., "not going out," etc.

35-37. [In addition to various proposed translations of the existing text or emendations noticed in the exegetical notes or in the notes that follow, a brief reference may be made to some others, not that they should be accepted, but as evidence of the ambiguities of the passage, and perhaps as containing now and again fruitful suggestions in further study of what must be regarded as the unsolved problems of text and exegesis. Ehrlich reads in ³⁵ יַעֲנֵנִי for יַעֲנֵנִי, referring the suffix to תָּוִי and treating כִּפְר as a second obj. of the vb. in יַעֲנֵנִי; in ³⁶ אֶעֱדֵנִי for אֶעֱדֵנִי; in ³⁷ he treats אֶנִּידֵנו as a denom. of נִידָה, and then strikes out ^{37b} as a gloss on אֶנִּידֵנִי: מִסְפַּר צַעֲדֵי: אֶנִּידֵנִי is treated as adverbial acc. = wherever I go. Richter inserts before ^{35c} מִי יִתֵּן בְּחֵן אֵתִי = Oh that I had one to test me, and the book that my accuser has written; and in ^{36b} reads עֲטַרְתָּ לִּי for עֲטַרְתָּ לִּי = I would put on him a wreath as crown.]

35a. The double לִי does not read well: 6 MSS, and perhaps Θ (τίς δῶν ἀκούσιντά μου;) Σ omit (1) לִי; but (2) לִי would

תו; ut desiderium; הא רנוו ר ט; [אסססס] [הן תו] meam (audiat Omnipotens). U renders the whole line ^{35b} *χώρα δὲ κυρίου ἐλ μὴ ἐδεδούκειν* (cp. Che. in *EBi.* 2479, וישת ירו על שנינו). None of these, it will be observed, recognizes the meaning *Taw* or *mark*. What U *read* is not clear; S may have already had the reading of H, and T (whence U EV.) hardly justifies us in assuming a reading תאָתי (Be.^T); תו may have been treated as = תאו (cp. Ibn Ezra, ויש אמרים כי חסר א"ל), and this taken as a masc. form equivalent in meaning to תאוה. The question remains whether תאותי may be conjecturally restored; הן תאותי would give a parallel term to מי יתן ^a, and so ^a and ^b would become complete parallels; but הן תאותי is perhaps a rather heavy parallel to מי יתן. Ibn Ezra already connected תו here with the word as used in Ezk. 9⁴].

[איש ריב] the sf. referring not to ריב, but to the compound idea, איש-ריב; cf. Is. 41^{11b}, אנשי מִצֹּתֶךָ¹²; also 50⁸ בעל משפטי (G-K. 135*u*). [The phrase thus means: the man who is at (legal) strife with me; cp., without the suffix and without the special legal reference (common elsewhere in ריב, *e.g.* Ex. 23⁶, Dt. 21⁵), Jg. 12². The meaning, the man who strives on my behalf, my advocate (שיריב בשבילי, Ibn Ezra), is indefensible: this would require רב ריבי (cp. *e.g.* Mic. 7⁹, Pr. 23¹¹). U ipse qui iudicat; § (transposing) וְיִשְׁפֹּט אֶת-רִיבִי.]

37. [אגידנו] for אגיד לו (G-K. 117x): the double accus. after הניח is dubious (see on 26⁴). Du. אגיד (without sf.).

אֶקְרִיבָּהּ | I would *bring it near* (Is. 41²¹ קָרְבוֹ רִיבְכֶם), *present*

it, sc. unto him (Ges. Me. Bu. RVm.), or (Du.) *I would let him* (my adversary) *draw near* (Ps. 65⁵, Jer. 30²¹), *receive him*, proudly confident that he could not convict me. EVV. Di. Del. al. as intensive of Qal, expressing (Di.) a firm and dignified movement, I would *draw near* unto him; but Ezk. 36⁸ קָרַבְנוּ לָבוֹא is not proof of the intrans. sense of קָרַב (cf. the trans. Pi. in such cases, מָהַר לְמַעַן, בָּלָה לְ); and אֶקְרַבְנִי cannot naturally mean anything but *bring it* (or *him*) *near*.

39. נֶפֶשׁ בְּעָלֶיהָ הִפְחִיתִי] [there is a curious difference between ancient and almost all modern interpretations of the verbal phrase; the ancient interpretation is: *I have grieved*; the modern, *I have caused to expire*. Εἰ δὲ καὶ ψυχὴν κυρίου τῆς γῆς ἐκλαβὼν ἐλύπησα; סִנְכַל יִסְכַּח־נָּ (read יִסְכַּח־נָּ) (? read יִסְכַּח־נָּ) סִנְכַל יִסְכַּח־נָּ; וּנְפֹשׁ דְּמַרְהָא אִפְחִיתָ (on the meaning, see below); Et animam agricolarum eius affixi; so Wycliffe, Seb. Münster. The modern interpretation is already established in AV., and appears in most modern comm. and translations; exceptions are Me. Wr. ("have disregarded the life of its occupier"), Honth. ("dem Bauer drauf die Seele ausgepresst"), Ehrlich. The Hif. הִפַּח occurs in Mal. 1¹³ † with a different sense: here it obviously expresses the causative of the idea in מִפַּח נֶפֶשׁ, 11²⁰, and נִפְחָה נֶפֶשׁ, Jer. 15⁹. In 11²⁰ death might be, and is commonly taken to be, intended; but in Jer. 15⁹ it is used in reference to sensations, "figuratively of mental collapse at the death of her sons in battle" (Dr.); so in late Hebr. and Aramaic the vb. or noun is sometimes clearly used of something short of death—despondency, vexation, despair, or the like; cp. especially הָלַךְ לוֹ בְּמִפַּח נֶפֶשׁ, he went away vexed (Tanchuma cited by Levy, *ChWB* ii. 59b), and similarly נֶפֶשׁ בְּפִי רֹשׁ הַשָּׁשָׁנָה, *Rosh hashshana*, 2⁶; note also יָת נֶפֶשׁ נִפְּשָׁה, 1 S. 2³³. תָּ (= 'נָ) רָאִינוּ נֶפֶשׁ = מִפַּח נֶפֶשׁ, Dt. 28⁶⁵. The idioms refer to the *breathing* (out), or *blowing* (away) of the soul; but this need not necessarily imply death, since Hebrew thought contemplated the departure of the soul from the body, not only at death, but also, e.g., when a man is faint for lack of food (La. 1¹¹). The phrase הִפַּח נֶפֶשׁ might, therefore, denote the opposite treatment to that which brings back the soul; i.e. to sadden or grieve as contrasted with to comfort or alleviate

(Ru. 4¹⁵); and this would give an excellent parallel, *if* בעליה could mean the labourers on Job's farms (Y, Honth.); but this is improbable. Unless בעליה be corrupt, the person or persons concerned must be, in one sense or another, the owner(s) of the land].

באשה †] [seems to be more general than באשים, Is. 5^{2.4} † : weeds, rather than a particular kind of weed (EV. "cockle"), especially, perhaps, rank-smelling (cp. באש, הבאש, weeds)].

CHAPTER XXXII.

1. **הַאֱלֹהִים** MS ^{Ken. 76} om. ; cp. v.⁵. On **א** see exegetical n. **בְּעֵינֵיהֶם** MS ^{Ken. 248} ; so **א** : cp. $\Sigma \acute{\epsilon}\pi' \alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{\omega}\nu$, Geiger, *Urschrift*, 332 f. But "he had become (during the course of the debate) righteous in *their* eyes," would have required **הֵי** rather than **הוּא** ; cp. *e.g.* Gn. 27²³.

2. **בְּרַחֲמָיו** **א** *Bapaχμηλ*. Olsh. (277^e) treats the verbal element as imp^v. (but see *HPN* 221) : Bless, O God. Yet, as probably in Phœn. **בְּרַחֲמָיו**, Palm. **בּוֹל בְּרַח**, the verbal element may be pf. : if **בְּרַחֲמָיו** = **יְבַרְכֵהוּ** (*HPN* 216 n.), it might even be impf. (Du.).

רַחֲמָיו cp. **יְבַרְכֵהוּ** **יְחַנֵּנוּ** **וְאֵלֵינוּ** (Hoffm.). For **א** has *Ῥαμ* (*Ῥαμα*, *Ῥαμ*), *τῆς Ἀυσεΐτιδος χώρας*, $\Sigma \Sigma\upsilon\lambda\alpha\varsigma$, **אֲבָרָהָם**, **אַבְרָהָם**.

יְבַרְכֵהוּ to *prove*, or *consider* (some one) *to be in the right* is expressed here, as in 33³² (**א**), Jer. 3¹¹ (**א**), Ezk. 16^{51f}. (**א**), by the Piel, but in 27⁵ by the Hif.

מִלִּפְנֵיהֶם **א** *rather than* as Jer. 3¹¹ (cp. c. 40^s) ; **א** *before* as 4¹⁷, but less suitably to the present context.

3. **תַּעֲנֵה** v.⁵ : *answer* is expressed by **תַּעֲנֵה** in 21³⁴, and also 34³⁶ (Elihu), or, substantially, by **מָלֵן** in 8¹⁰, and also 33³² 36², **מָלֵן** in 13¹⁷, **יַעֲנֵי** in 23⁵.

וַיִּרְשִׁיעוּ אֶת אִיּוֹב either (1) *and* (yet) *condemned Job*, waw conv. as, *e.g.*, 2 S. 19²⁹ (Dr. §§ 74, 79) ; or (2) *and* (therefore) *condemned not Job*, the force of the **לֹא** extending from **לֹא מָצְאוּ** to the following vb. with waw conv. as in 3¹⁰ (n.). If **לֹא מָצְאוּ** means *they* (now) *found no* (further) *answer* (cp. v.⁵), the second rendering is best ; leaving Job with the last word, they were virtually leaving him uncondemned. The same sense would be secured if $\epsilon\upsilon\sigma\epsilon\beta\eta(v)$ in ^{A*} ^{ac} ^{HP23}, **א** ^H (**וַיִּרְשִׁיעוּ אֶת אִיּוֹב**)

were the true reading of Ξ (not $\dot{\alpha}\sigma\epsilon\beta\eta$ of most MSS), and this pointed to וירשעו instead of ויצדיקו. According to a Jewish tradition (תקן סופרים) איוב is a correction for אלהים, and the original text ran: *because they found no answer (to Job), and so condemned God.*

4. ואליהוא חכה את איוב בדברים] awkward even for the poor style of these vv. Hos. 6⁹ is a precarious parallel for חכה (usually construed with ל) with the acc. It is questionable whether Ξ 's $\dot{\iota}\pi\epsilon\mu\epsilon\iota\nu\epsilon\nu\ \delta\omicron\upsilon\nu\alpha\iota\ \dot{\alpha}\pi\acute{o}\kappa\rho\iota\sigma\omega\iota\ \text{I}\omega\beta$ is more than a paraphrase of ו ; the similar rendering of RV., "Waited to speak unto Job," is certainly a paraphrase; Du., however, at the suggestion of Ξ , inclines to insert להשיב before את-איוב: most, following Wr., read את איוב בְּדַבְּרָם: (waited) *while, or so long as, they spoke with Job.* Ehrlich, also reading and pointing בְּדַבְּרָם, but not transposing: (waited) *with, or beside, Job while they spoke.* Hi. inserts רעי between את and איוב. For חכה Σ has $\epsilon\pi\lambda\eta\chi\epsilon$ (= החכה), and סכסכ (= הסכסכ): both unsuitable in the context.

6. ויאמר] see 3² n.

לימים] cf. on 30¹. The addition is not otiose, and, here, needed for the rhythm (cf. 15¹⁰ כביר מאביר ימים).

בְּלִבָּם, ישישים] see 12¹² n. Du. *m. c.* inserts, after ישישים (which might rather easily have dropped out before על כן).

זחלתי] either [(1) *I held back* (RV. Bu.), the root being זחל = זחל , *to withdraw*, which occurs in Heb. only in the phrases זחלי עפר, Dt. 32²⁴, ז' ארץ, Mic. 7¹⁷, used of reptiles that "crawl away to hide themselves under stones, plants," etc. (Dr. *Deut.*, *ad loc.*); or, more probably, (2) *I was in dread* (Hi. Du.) from זחל = זחל ; this does not occur elsewhere in OT., but it is found in the old Aramaic inscription of Zakir, king of Hamath (9th cent. B.C.), who records that Baal Shamain said to him אל חזחל כי אנה . . . עמך ואנה אחעלך מן כל מל[כ]א (A 13), *be not afraid, for I . . . am with thee*, etc., and is common in later Aramaic with the regular substitution of *d* for the *z* of old Aramaic. In Arabic the same root survives in ذحل , *blood-revenge*; see Nö. in ZDMG xl. 741, liv. 163. Ξ , guessing, $\eta\acute{\sigma}\chi\alpha\sigma\alpha$].

מִחֲחִיתָ אֱרֵץ Aram. for הַנִּיד : vv.^{10. 17} (as here with דָּע), 15¹⁷ 36², Ps. 19³ †; cf. the subst. אֲחֻזֵּי, 13¹⁷ (n.).

דָּע (masc. of דָּעָה or דָּעַת) vv.^{10. 17} 36^{3. 4} (דָּעוֹת) 37¹⁶ (דָּעִים) †.

אַתְּכֶם [For the double acc. after חוּה, cp. the similar construction with הַנִּיד in 26⁴; but see n.]. Bu. Be., perhaps, אֲתֶכֶם.

7. [יִדְעוּ] the pl. by attraction, as 15²⁰. [Read defectively (יִדְעוּ) by ע, and treated as Qal: the || favours ידע.]

8. [אֵכֶן] a strong asseverative, often used to introduce emphatically the statement of a *fact*, after what had been, mistakenly “said” or thought (Zeph. 3⁷, Jer. 3²⁰ 8⁸, Is. 49⁴ 53⁴, Ps. 31²³ 82⁷; *Lex.* 38^b). [Here only in Job.]

[רוח היא באנוש ונשמת שדי תבינם] [The syntax of the v. is best explained as follows: רוח is pred., תבינם, a noun sentence, is the subj., and היא is an anticipation of the subject, as is הוא in La. 1¹⁸, הנה in Is. 51¹⁹, הם in Pr. 30²⁴ (cp. Dr. § 201 (1)). The pred. רוח is doubly qualified: it is the רוח of the Almighty, and it is that רוח entering into (ב), or imparted to, man; in prose these two qualifications would stand in a single clause רוח שדי באנוש, but the requirements of parallelism and rhythm call for two parallel terms (רוח and נשמה), and distribute the qualifying clauses between the two lines. To insert אל after רוח (Bi. Bu.), cp. 33⁴ אֱלֹהִים, and πνεῦμα θεοῦ (Σ here) rhythmically overloads the line; to substitute אל for היא would make line ^a an easy sentence but an irrelevant assertion; irrelevancy is the objection also to RV. “there is a spirit in man”; though syntactically this is possible. Du., dissatisfied with all explanations of אֱלֹהִים, proposes חַיֵּי אֱלֹהִים for היא באנוש, and renders: the Spirit (viz. of God) enlightens man].

9. [לֹא רַבִּים] can mean naturally only “not many,” or, less obviously, “not great men” (EVV.). Di. Hi. De. take *grandes* in the sense of *grandævi*, but it is doubtful whether רב,—and especially רַבִּים,—standing alone, would have this sense unless clearly suggested by the context, as by the antithesis of צָעִיר in Gn. 25²³ וְרַב יַעֲבֹד צָעִיר (but Bu. even here would render, *the greater*); Bu. Be.^T לֹא שְׂבִיבִים (15¹⁰), a neat change, Ε πολυχρόνιοι, & נִשְׁבָּבִים, Ὡ longævi, whence

Ley לא רַבִּי יָמִים, Du. Be.^T, better, לא רַב יָמִים (note §; and cf. ⁷ רַב שָׁנִים).

10-17. [Vv.^{12, 15, 16, 17} (except for a fragment, see below) and the words עַד תַּחֲרֹק מִלֵּן in ¹¹ are absent from $\mathfrak{A}^1$, and were absent from the original text of $\mathfrak{C}$, their place being subsequently supplied from Θ . But this, as Be. points out, does not justify the inference (Bi.) that ¹⁵⁻¹⁷ (Hatch omits ¹¹⁻¹⁷) were absent from the original text of $\mathfrak{H}$; on the other hand, $\pi\acute{\alpha}\lambda\iota\nu\lambda\alpha\lambda\acute{\eta}\sigma\omega$, at the beginning of ¹⁸ = עַד in ^{16b} + אַעֲנֶה in ^{17a}, and represents an abbreviation by $\mathfrak{C}$ of a text that need not have been very different from the existing text of $\mathfrak{H}$. Even if this text is in some disorder, $\mathfrak{C}$ is of little use as a guide to reaching a more primitive text. V.^{10b} is repeated at ^{17b}, and in ¹⁷ forms an exact formal parallel to ^{17a}; so that if the repetition is not original, it may be ^{10b} rather than ^{17b} that is intrusive. Of proposed reconstructions Du.'s would be preferable to Bu.'s, if either were needed: Du. omits v.¹⁰ (except לֵבָן) and reads the rest in the order ⁹, לֵבָן of ¹⁰ + ¹⁵, ¹⁶, ¹⁷, ^{11a}, ^b, ^{12a}, ^{11c}, ^{12b}, ^c, ¹³, ¹⁴, ¹⁸; Bu. omits ¹¹, ¹², ¹⁵⁻¹⁷, and reads the remainder in the order ⁹, ¹³, ¹⁴, ¹⁰. Bu. treats ¹¹ and ¹² as tristichs, as which they would stand apart from the surrounding distichs; ¹¹ might well be a tristich, ¹² less naturally; at the same time, even when transposed (as by Du.), ^{12a}, ^{11c} do not form a very happy distich, nor one that is rhythmically beyond reproach; this might be due to these lines being glosses, or to some other textual disorder at this point.]

10. שְׁמַעַה] 2 MSS, $\mathfrak{C}\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{Y}$ שְׁמַע: so Hi. Bu. Be.^T. This agrees with the fact that Elihu is here addressing the friends (vv.^{6, 11 ff.}): still Di. (though he allows that this "im Grunde besser passt") points out that he has Job distinctly in mind (cf. ³³¹), that it is "at least not impossible" that at the end of a paragraph he might invite him particularly to attend, and that the correction of שְׁמַעַה into שְׁמַע is easier to understand than the opposite change.

אָ] frequent in Elihu (Bu.); [see ³⁴^{12, 17} ³⁵¹⁴ ³⁶¹⁶ ³⁷^{1, 11}].

11. הוֹחֲלֵתִי the Hif. also v.¹⁸: elsewhere in the book the Pi. יִחַל.

אָזִין] contracted from אָזִין which is read by 5 MSS^{Ken.}; cf. וְאָזִל, Nu. 11²⁵ (G-K. 68i).

עַד] different from אֵל or ל, and implying not listening *to* something *present*, but (Bu.) “listening eagerly *for* something *expected*”: I listened *even unto* your reasons, *until* your reasons came (cf. ^o): “listened *for*” (EVV.) is adequate in English.

תְּבוֹנוֹתֶיכֶם] *your understandings, i.e.* words or speeches in which your understanding would declare itself: EVV. *reasons* is a fair paraphrase.

12. וְעֵדֶיכֶם] with counter-tone for וְעֵדֶיכֶם [G-K. 1030]. עַד itself is peculiar (for 38¹⁸ is not parallel),—probably (Di.) as in ¹¹.

אֵין לִי מִכִּיר] [cp. אֵין לוֹ מָקִים, Jer. 50³²; אֵין לִי מִכִּיר, Ps. 142⁵; אֵין לֵה מִנָּחַם, La. 1² (9.17) אֵין לֵה מִנָּחֵם; אֵין כִּישִׁיעַ לֵה, Dt. 22²⁷; דִּרְשׁ אֵין לֵה, Jer. 30¹⁷. In these cases ל does not introduce the obj. of the part.—for an emphatic *prefixing* of the obj. there would be no reason—but goes closely with the אֵין, as obviously when אֵין negatives a noun (*e.g.* Gn. 11³⁰); cp. *Lex. s.v.* אֵין 3. With the מ in ^b (כִּים) after ל אֵין, cp. La. 1²].

13. פֶּן] = (Beware), *lest*, as 36¹⁸, Is. 36¹⁸.

יִדְרֹנוּ] *drive him away*. 1 MS יִדְרֹנוּ, *pursue him* (so Grä.); 1 MS יִדְרֹנוּ, *thrust away* (2 K. 4²⁷).

[14. וְלֹא עֵרַךְ אֵלַי מִלֵּין וּבִאֲמִירֶיכֶם לֹא אִשִּׁיבוּ] The connection between the two lines, and of both with what precedes, is not clearly marked, and has been differently explained. Bu., *e.g.*, says “the meaning is: his weapons can do *me* no harm, for my (weapons) are different from yours”; on this view v. ^{14a} is antithetical to the sense of what precedes, viz., that Job has silenced and thereby got the better of the friends, and ^{14b} is a reason for ^{14a}; but neither the antithesis nor the reason is clearly expressed: on Bu.’s view we should expect at least to find אֵלַי prefixed to עֵרַךְ instead of ו before בִּאֲמִירֶיכֶם, and עֵרַךְ impf. for עֵרַךְ pf. Similar objections lie against other explanations of מִלֵּין. The presence of the parallel terms כִּישִׁיעַ and (ו) בִּאֲמִירֶיכֶם—at the end of the first and beginning of the second lines respectively (cp. Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, p. 67 f.)—suggest that the lines were originally

more exact parallels than in פא ; if they were. לא ערך conceals a parallel to לא אשיבנו , and אלי , perhaps, to כב —in ובאמריכם . As a matter of fact these concealed parallels reappear, if we assume the loss of two letters (one perhaps later than C) by haplography, and the mutilation (also perhaps later than C) of ה into י ; read באלה (or לא־אָער , Bi.) לא אָערך אלי for לא ערך אלי : τοιαῦτα , in C 's paraphrastic rendering of ^{14a} (^{14b} is omitted in C) $\text{ἐπετρέψατε λαλῆσαι τοιαῦτα ῥήματα}$, is, of course, the exact equivalent of באלה ; cp. $\text{τοιαῦτα πολλά} = \text{רבות באלה}$ in ^{162} ; the weight of C 's support for באלה would be greater but for a tendency of the version to insert τοιαῦτα (after the noun, however, and not as here and in ^{162} before) when it was certainly not in its Hebrew text: see $^{154.13}$ $^{33^{16}}$, and cp. $^{39^{14}}$ ($= 40^4$), but not $^{8^{18}}$, where $\text{τοιαῦτα} = \text{כ}$ (at the end of v. ^{17}) and ה (at the beginning of v. ^{18}).]

ולא S^{U} omit the י ; whether it was in the text paraphrased (see last n.) by C is quite uncertain.

15. העתיקו the "internal" Hif., with a (virtually) intrans. sense (G-K. 53*d*), as Gn. 12⁸ 26²². C (Θ) $\text{ἐπαλαίωσαν ἐξ αὐτῶν λόγους}$ (from the sense of עתק in 21⁷, and in Aram.).

16. והוחלתי Ew. Hi. De. Di. Du.: And should I wait (והוחלתי) because they speak not? for the י consec. with the pf. introducing a question, see Dr. 119*γ*, G-K. 112*cc*: cf. Ezk. 18^{13.24}, Nu. 16¹⁶, Is. 66⁹ ועצרתִי , and Ps. 50²¹ והחרשתי (Dr. 104). As Bu. observes, as the emphasis rests on the speaker, ואני אוחל would be expected; but "And I waited" (והוחלתי , with simple wait), etc., yields a very poor sense, besides equally needing the emphatic pron. (ואני הוחלתי). It may be noticed, however, that the emphatic pron. follows (twice) in ^{17} . [Ehrlich והחלתי , and so I begin; but the אני would still be as much missed.]

17. אָעֲנֶה the punctuation as Hif. (Qoh. 5^{19†}, where the נ in אָעֲנֶה is probably dittographed) is very strange: probably אָעֲנֶה חלקי was avoided, as the construction was felt to be awkward, and אָעֲנֶה חלקי was intended to mean, "I will make my part answer." Ew. conjectured (§ 192*c*, n. 2) that it was a proverbial saying, meaning (הָעֲנָה , a denom. from מענה , a

*furrow*¹) "I also will *furrow* my own field!" fig. for, do the part that belongs to me. The explanation is clever, and might well be right, but it is precarious. If אַעֲנֶה means *will answer*, אַעֲנֶה must be read.

חֲלָקִי] acc. of reference, *as regards* my part: Gn. [41⁴⁰] (G-K. [118*h*]); or a kind of cogn. acc.? or, answer my part (respond to its call)? [or, rather, so the parallelism suggests, *make reply with my portion* (cp. 15² n.): see exegetical n.]. Ehrlich לִקְחִי—excellently, if emendation is necessary.

18. כִּי פִי מִלֵּאחִי] The line is somewhat short: hence Ley מִלֵּאחִי, Be.^K אֲנִי for כִּי, Du. either אֲנִי or אֲנִי.

בִּלְתִּי] for מִלֵּאחִי (so c. 20 MSS): cf. 1²¹ יָצָתִי (G-K. 23*f*, 74*k*).

19. הִנֵּה] Bi. Ley, Be.^K *m. c.* הִנֵּה.

יִבְקַע] the tense is expressive (Dr. § 37 ff.): EVV., excellently, "*is ready to burst*." As regards the syntax, בִּטְנִי "is conceived as its gramm. obj. on the principle of 22⁹" (Di. Bu. G-K. 121*b*), or (Du.) יִבְקַע may be a clerical error for תִּבְקַע, due to the preceding יַפְתָּח; so Bu. (alt.) Be.^K, & ὡς περ φύσθη τῇρ χαλκῆως (as though תִּבְקַע הַחֲרִשִּׁים; כאֲבוֹת הַחֲרִשִּׁים; & סֶן נֶר וְכַחֲבִּיטָא (as though (Be.) בְּאֲבוֹת הַחֲרִשִּׁים!).

20. וַיִּרוּחַ לִי] 1 S. 16²³† וַיִּרוּחַ לִשְׂאוֹל: cf. רִיחַ, Est. 4¹⁴; רִיחָה, Ex. 8¹¹, La. 3⁵⁶, + Ps. 66¹² (for רִיחָה).

21. וְאֶל-אָדָם.] MS⁵⁹⁷ (de Rossi) וְאֶל for וְאֵל, *i.e.* and unto God, being a man, I will not use fair titles; but the form of the Hebrew is improbable. Be.^K (with a ?) וְאֵל for אָדָם.

אֲכַנְה] 22, Is. 44⁵ 45⁴†.

22. כִּי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי אֲכַנְה] The constr. of the impf. is more Syriac than Hebrew: see Dr. 163, *Obs.*; G-K. 120*c*; Nöld. *Syr. Gr.* § 267. Cf. Is. 42²¹ יֹאדִיר . . . חֲפִין, 47⁵, La. 4¹⁴. [Richter יִשְׁאֲנִי for יִפְטֹנִי^b, and in כִּי לֹא אֶל רַעִי אֲכַנְה.]

[כַּמְעֵט] cp. Ps. 2¹² 81¹⁵.]

¹ ["On מַעֲנֶה, the furrow (cp. Ps. 129³), at the end of which the plough-

man turns, see Dalman, *ZDPV*, 1905, p. 27 ff. . . ὡς still means a furrow in Palestine" (Dr. *Samuel*², p. 109, on 1 S. 14¹⁴). Cp. *Ohal.* 17² (cited by Levy, *s.v.*) חֲרֵשׁ חֲצִי מֵעֵנָה, if any one has ploughed the half of his furrow.]

CHAPTER XXXIII.

1. וְאֵלֶּם *Howbeit*, “breaking off, and turning aside to a new subject, as 14¹⁸” (Di.). [אֵלֶם, common to the Prologue, the Dialogue, and Elihu, is a favourite word in Job (1¹¹ 11⁵ 12⁷ 13⁴ 14¹⁸ 17¹⁰ with וְ as here, and 2⁵ 5⁸ 13^{3†} without), occurring in this book as frequently as in the whole of the rest of the OT.]

2. הִנֵּה נָא [as 13¹⁸ 40^{16f.}; *Lex.* 609b.

הָךְ, strictly the palate or roof of the mouth, is here used in synonymous parallelism to פִּי, as in Pr. 5³ 8⁷ to שִׁפְתַּיִם, in reference to speech: cp. also 31³⁰.]

3. My words are (=embody) the honesty of my heart, And the knowledge of my lips they utter purely or sincerely (adv. acc.; or, *as something pure* or sincere). Cf. שִׁפְהָ בְּרוּרָה, Zf. 3⁹. Be. Du. לְבִי אֲמַרִי דַעַת שִׁפְתַּי בְּרוּר מְלֵלוֹ (Du. רָהִישׁ יִשְׁקָ, My heart *is astir* (Du. overflows) with words of knowledge, My lips speak that which is pure: רָחַשׁ, as Ps. 45²; יִשְׁקָ, as Jl. 2²⁴, רָחַשׁ הַיְשִׁקִּי הַיְקָבִים תִּירוֹשׁ וַיִּצְהַר, 4¹⁸. רָחַשׁ is excellent (Ps. 45²); but it deviates much more from חָ than יִשְׁקָ. Either Be. or Du. give a couplet superior stylistically to חָ: but the loss of יִשְׁר is considerable. S om. דַּעַת, so Grimme, St. (keeping ^a as ff), “And my lips speak that which is pure”; but it is not clear that S did not *read* דַּעַת, a strictly *verbal* rendering may not have been intended.

5. הַשִּׁיבִנִי [see on 13²². [^a is rather short: שִׁ + מֵן (ct. v.³²), which does not necessarily imply that דָּבָר was read, for cp. 13²² S. Ἐ + πρὸς ταῦτα, whence Du. אֵלֶּה, על-זאת, Nichols לזאת.]

מֵלֶךְ (32¹⁴) or מִשְׁפָּט (23⁴) might be supplied; but הַיְצִיבָה suggests (Del. Bu.) that מִלְחָמָה is in the poet's mind:

עֵרָךְ with ellipse of מַלְחָמָה is not unfrequent (*Lex.* p. 789b); probably, indeed, the word is intended to suggest both ideas.

[הַתִּיעֵבָה] in a military sense, as 1 S. 17¹⁶, 2 S. 23¹².

6. כַּפִּי [כַּפִּי] as [Ex. 16²¹ אָכְלוּ כַּפִּי, each in proportion to his eating; so here lit. I am in the proportion of thee as regards God, i.e. I stand towards God even as thou dost (*Lex.* 805b)] Grä. St. בְּמוֹד.

[לֹא אֵל] [Be.^K (?), Ehrlich אֵל].

[קִרְצָתִי] In NH. קִרַּץ is used of a baker cutting off pieces of dough, or of cutting off grapes in a lump with the cluster (*NHWB* iv. 388a).

7. [אֶכְפִּי] from אָכַף †: cf. the vb. Pr. 16²⁶ נֶפֶשׁ עָמַל עֲמָלָה לוֹ. בִּי אָכַף עָלָיו בִּיהוּ. The √ is common in Syr. [and Jewish Aramaic, cp. מָה אִיכְפָּח לִיה, *What does it matter to him? What concern is it of his?* examples in *NHIB* i. 77b, 78a. לֹא אֶכְפֵּל; Pr. 6⁷, 8, there is no one to urge, or compel, him: לֹא אֶכְפֵּל; מִנְּסָה = οὐκ ἀνάγκη λέγειν οὐν (these and other examples in *PS.* 189a). Thus *urgency* rather than *pressure* (RV.) should be the force of אָכַף. Ἡ ἡ χεῖρ μου = כַּפִּי (cf. 13²¹): so Ol. Hi. Wr. Hfm. Sgf. Be. Bu. Du.,—with, naturally, הִכְבֵּד (Be. Sgf. Bu. Du.). But the Aramaism may well be original: the other words of 13^{21a} are not quoted exactly.

8. [מִלִּין] מִלִּין would be more natural (Bi. Bu. Du. Be.), though not (Bu.) exactly necessary. Ἐ^{n, a} 8 express the pron.; but the case is not one in which we can be sure that they read it. EVV. insert “thy” in italics.

9. [בְּלִי פִשְׁעִי] [For בְּלִי with a noun (*without* . . .) forming a negative clause synonymous in meaning with a preceding adj., see 24¹⁰, Ps. 63²].

[חָהַף] an Aramaism, from the √ חָהַף, חָהַף (rare), to rub or cleanse, especially the head.

10. [הֵן] Oo. Be.^K וְהוּא.

[תְּנוּאוֹת] Nu. 14³¹ †. הֵנִיא is to frustrate or thwart a purpose, Ps. 33¹⁰; to annul or disallow a vow, Nu. 30⁶: so תְּנוּאָה in Nu. 14³¹ (וַיִּדְעַתָּם אֶת־תְּנוּאוֹתַי) is my frustration (sc. of your purpose; RV. paraphrasing *my alienation*); and here תְּנוּאוֹת

are *frustrations*, i.e. vexatious interferences with my plans (cf. 17¹¹). But it is highly probable that תִּצְנֹחַ should be read (so Wr. Bu. Du. Be. Barth), i.e. *occasions* or *opportunities* (viz. of hostility), from אָנָּה (Arab. 'anā^y, to come at the right time), to bring at the right time, or opportunely, Ex. 21¹³ לִירוֹ אָנָּה; Hithp. to make an opportunity for oneself, seek a quarrel, 2 K. 5⁷ כִּי מִתְאַנֶּה הוּא לִי; Jg. 14⁴ כִּי מִתְאַנֶּה הוּא מִבְּקֵשׁ מִבְּלִשְׁתִּים. This sense is already expressed by ס (לִצְנֹחַ).

II. יִשָּׁם] point יִשָּׁם: see on 13²⁷.

בסד See on 13²⁷. [V.¹¹ (Bi. Du. om.), like 10^b from 13²⁴, is cited verbatim, except for the necessary changes in the persons, from 13²⁷: ct. 9. 10^a which summarize some of Job's charges, but with new terms (תְּנוּאוֹת, חֶף).]

12. זֹאת] acc. of respect, "as regards this," Anglicè, "in this": so (with זֹאת) 19²⁶ (si vera l.), Ezk. 20²⁷ †. Ew. Di. Del., and in effect RVm. "Behold, in this thou art not in the right," (so) I answer thee"; but the parenthetical אַעֲנֶךָ is un-Hebraic (though, cf. Ex. 5¹⁶ אַמְרִים). RVm. "Behold, in this thou art not just, I will answer thee"; but no answer to the complaints made by Job follows. [אַעֲנֶךָ is thus, probably, corrupt: possibly it is a variant of יַעֲנֶה (לֹא) in 13: אַ in both vv. has οὐκ ἐπακήκοέν μου. Still the simple omission of אַעֲנֶךָ would leave 12^a rhythmically rather deficient.] Α πῶς γὰρ λέγεις, Δικαίως εἶμι καὶ οὐκ ἐπακήκοέν μου; whence Bi.¹ הֵן זֹאת וְלֹא יַעֲנֵנִי (Bi.² צַדִּיקְתִּי (צַעֲקָתִי), with the reading צַעֲקָתִי, cf. 19⁷ 30²⁰); Du. הִנֵּה אִם אֶצַּעק לֹא עֲנֶה, Behold, if I cried, he would not answer (יַעֲנֶה ?); Be.^K וְלֹא אַעֲנֶה הֵךְ תֹּאמַר צַדִּיקְתִּי וְלֹא אַעֲנֶה (as 19⁷; הֵךְ, as [1 Ch. 13¹² (|| אֵיךְ, 2 S. 6⁹), Dn. 10¹⁷ †]). Of these Be.^K has the advantage of adhering most closely to Α; but תֹּאמַר for זֹאת and the transposition of לֹא are both violent changes.

כִּי יִרְבֶּה אֱלֹהִים בְּאָנוּשׁ] כִּי יִרְבֶּה in the sense of to be great [occurs here only in reference to persons: of things, Gn. 43³⁴. The כִּי is commonly taken to be causal: it might introduce the explication of זֹאת (pointing forward as in 10¹³), if the following clause were suitable: this it is not in Α, for we cannot translate Α with Ehrlich, that God acts too severely against men. But יִרְבֶּה may be corrupt]. Α αἰώνιος (apparently =

γάρ ἐστιν ὁ ἐπάνω (apparently עליון for אלה) βροτῶν, whence Du. מַעְלָם for כי ירבה, God *hideth* (his eyes) from men (מַעְלָם with ellipse of עניו, as Ps. 10¹). But the change is very violent, besides being, in fact, not necessary.

13. [ריבות] G-K. 73.

כי כל דבריו לא יענה The older renderings, "For he giveth not account of any of his matters" (AV., RV.), "is not responsible for" (Ges. Del.¹), are inconsistent with the meaning of עָנָה; "all his words he answereth not" (= answereth not a single word) (Schl. Kamph.) presupposes (Di.) דָּבַר for דבריו. ~~It~~ can only be rendered (Del.²), That he answereth not any of his (man's, v.¹²) words (appeals): but, as Job is the only man of whose treatment by God Job complains (19⁷ 30²⁰), it is both more pointed and far more natural to read for דבריו either דבריו (Hi. Di. Sgf. Bu. Be.), or, following G's paraphrase (λέγεις δέ, Διὰ τί τῆς δίκης μου οὐκ ἐπακήκοέν μου πᾶν ῥῆμα;), דברי, with כי introducing the direct narration, G-K. 157^b (Bi. Du. Be. alt.).

14. [באחת . . . בשנים] *in one way . . . in two ways*; EVV. *once . . . twice*; but, as Del. points out, *once* is אחת and *twice* שנים, 2 K. 6¹⁰, Ps. 62¹² [also c. 40⁵], and באחת is never = בפעם אחת.

ובשנים לא ישורנה שור, as 35¹³; see also 7⁸ 17¹⁵ 20⁹ 24¹⁵ 34²⁹ 35^{5,14}: לא ישורנה = *without . . .* Dr. § 162. Sgf. Bu. St. לא השורנה, And in two, without *thy* perceiving it; Grä. לא ישמענה, And in two, without his hearing it; ~~ש~~ (ששששש), ~~ש~~ (repetit), whence Mich. Be.^{T. K} לא ישנה (or Be.^T לא ישננה), And in two he *doth not repeat it*,—but this disagrees with the sequel (in which God is said to speak in more than one way); Du. Be.^K alt. (cf. Σ οὐκ ἀκυρώσει αὐτόν), לא ישיבנה, And in two he *doth not reverse it* (viz. what he has said, his teaching, warning). [Ley, Peake לא ישורנה.]

15. בחזון 6 MSS, and perhaps ~~ש~~ (G also has ἐν), בחזון. G ἢ ἐν μελέτῃ = בהגיון.

[בנפל תרדמה על אנשים] = 4^{13b}: here probably a gloss from 4^{13b} (Bi. Du. Be. Bu. St.): notice (Du.) the recurrence of אנשים in 16^a.

16. [ובמסרם יחתם] [both words are very ambiguous: the

vb. may be (1) יָחַתְּם (ff), *seals, i.e.* impresses a seal on, or perhaps, metaphorically, *concludes*: cp. especially the Arabic in, *e.g.*, ختم القرآن, he concluded (the reading of) the Qoran, خاتم النبيين, the seal, *i.e.* the last, of the prophets: or (2) יָחַתְּם (G: see below), *dismays them*; the prep. ב may be *by means of* (after יָחַתְּם), or it may introduce the obj. of יָחַתְּם (though for this 37⁷ gives only a precarious support). מִכָּרָם, which ff supplies with what is probably a conflate punctuation (מִכָּרָם), may be (1) מִכָּרָם *their fetter* (12¹⁸ n.), which may be indicated by ff's מ (the *scriptio defectiva* being then as in 39⁵) instead of כִּי; or (2) מִכָּרָם (so 1 MS, de Rossi), *their discipline (i.e. the discipline imparted to them)*, which may be indicated by ff's כִּי instead of כִּי, which would have been required for the meaning *fetter*; or (3) מִכָּרָם, *disciplines, admonishments*, though the pl. does not occur elsewhere. If the noun be מִכָּר, does it mean *discipline* in the sense of *suffering* (Di. Ehrlich; cp. the Mishnic יסורין), or *disciplinary instruction*, or *warnings* (Bu. Dr.)? In favour of the latter is 36¹⁰, where the parallel strongly suggests that מוֹסֵר is something *spoken* to man, not something *suffered* by him; and it is against the former that the method of instruction through suffering is first developed from v.¹⁰ onwards]. G εν ειδεσιν φόβου τοιούτοις αὐτοὺς ἐξεφόβησεν ('Α πλῆξει αὐτούς: S (نصلي) [نصلي]; whence for יָחַתְּם, Wr. Bi. Hfm. Bu. Du. Be יָחַתְּם. Du. Be. also, for מוֹרָאִים, מוֹסְרִים (Dt. 4³⁴): Be. alt. בְּמַעֲרָצִים, but εν ειδεσιν corresponds rather to מוֹרָאִים, *visions*. [Perhaps we have in εν ειδεσιν φόβου traces of a double rendering of מוֹרָאִים: (1) εν ειδεσιν, (2) φόβοις; for τοιούτοις, see n. on 32¹⁴. Nichols, after G, במראי מורים.]

17. לַהֲסִיר אָדָם מַעֲשֵׂה. Rd. after G (ἀπὸ ἀδικίας), S (من عوباده), U (ab his quae fecit), T (מן עובדה): so virtually EVV. (*from his* in italics), Di. al., מַעֲשֵׂה being understood from the context (cf. פְּעֻלָּם, 36⁹) to be an *evil deed (facinus)*. Bi. Du., following G more closely, מַעֲשֵׂה; but (Bu.) ἀδικία may be only an explanation of מַעֲשֵׂה. Be. either מַעֲשֵׂה, or מַעֲשֵׂה, or מַעֲשֵׂה. [Ehrlich quite differently: לַהֲסִיר מִמַּעֲשֵׂה, retaining^b unchanged.]

וַיִּגְדֹּה מִגִּבּוֹר יִכְסֶה [וַיִּגְדֹּה, the Aram. form [as, e.g., in Dn. 4³⁴, Is. 3²⁷] for וַיִּצְוֶה, as 22²⁰, Jer. 13¹⁷; יִכְסֶה . . . לְהַסִּיר וְ, as Is. 10² and often, Dr. § 118. To *hide* pride from man yields, however, a poor and doubtful sense: to *hide* is not = to *withdraw*, *wean from* (Del.). Hence Di. Du. Be.^K (as an alternative, see below) יִכְלֶה; Reiske, Bi.² Bu. Du. alt. יִכְפֶּה, *cut away* (as with a knife or sickle; Is. 33¹² קוֹצִים בְּסוּחִים, Ps. 80¹⁷ † בְּסוּחֶהָ, of a vine). Ἐὰν τὸ δὲ σῶμα αὐτοῦ (= וַיִּגְדֹּה (20²⁵ n.): so also ἡ ἀποπτόματος ἐρρύσατο; hence Bi.¹ וַיִּגְדֹּה מִיִּשְׁבֵּר יִפְצֶה (פְּצָה, to *rescue* (Aram.), as Ps. 144⁷); so Be.^K (as an alternative), with וַיִּפְצֶה alternative for וַיִּפְדֶּה.

18. [וַיַּחֲשֵׁךְ carrying on ¹⁷ לְהַסִּיר: *that he may*, etc. (Di. De. Bu. RVm.). [Du. וַיַּחֲשֵׁךְ or וַיַּחֲשֵׁךְ: but for the absence of waw in וַיַּחֲשֵׁךְ, cp. Is. 64¹, Pr. 2².]

מִנִּי see on 6¹⁶ and 31⁷.

וַיְחִיּוּ a late syn. for נָפִישׁ, and probably properly (Hengst. Bu.) an adj. *the living one* (sc. נָפִישׁ: cf. נָפִישׁ הָיָה, Gn. 2⁷, al.; and וַיְחִיּוּ, Ps. 22²¹ 35¹⁷; except 38³⁹, always || to נָפִישׁ, and except 33²⁰, in the || following clause): vv. 22. 28 36¹⁴, Ps. 78⁵⁰ (לֹא חִשַּׁךְ מִמּוֹת נִפְשָׁם וַיְחִיּוּהֶם לְדַבֵּר דַּסְגִּיר), 143³ (in the orig., Ps. 7⁶ הָיָה), perhaps 74^{19b}; and of the soul, as the seat of *appetite* (v. 20 n.), 33²⁰ 38³⁹ †.

בְּשִׁלַּח יַעֲבֵרוּ cf. 28 נָפִישׁוֹ מֵעֵבֶר בִּשְׁחַת, and 36¹² יַעֲבֵרוּ. בְּשִׁלַּח is a late word (36¹², Jl. 2⁸, 2 Ch. 23¹⁰ (for בְּלִים in the || 2 K. 11¹¹) 32⁵, Neh. 4^{11. 17} †) for *missile*, *dart* (Arab. *silāḥ*, weapon): עֵבֶר ב' is rendered by Di. (cf. EVV. perish by) *pass away* (= disappear, perish; cf. 34²⁰ וַיַּעֲבֵרוּ, *through* or by the missiles of Divine retribution; by Hi. De. Bu. Du. *pass on into* (cf. v. 28 מֵעֵבֶר בִּשְׁחַת) the missiles, fig. for, rush into destruction unconsciously, De. remarking that עֵבֶר, sq. ב', has the presumption of meaning to "pass on into" (as v. 28). Du.'s בְּשִׁלַּח (both here and 36¹²) forms an excellent || to א, and is in itself very suitable (Bu.'s objection that it is "without parallels" is only partly true: there are many cases of the ה *loc.* after ב, as Jos. 15²¹ בְּגִבְעָה; and Ps. 9¹⁸ לִישְׂאוֹתָהּ occurs); but it is venturesome to make the same correction twice (here and 36¹²); and unusual expressions are char-

acteristic of Elihu. E ἐν πολέμῳ is evidently a paraphrase of H .

19. I9 . I9 הוֹכֵחַ] the tense is correct, the pf. with *warw cons.* describing what is likely to happen often (cf. ^{20a}, and the bare impf. ^{21a}). E שׁוּחַ הוֹכֵחַ not altering the sense [but giving, as in ¹⁶, an active estr.; E also supply an obj.]. It might have been expected, however, that the new case would be introduced more distinctly (cf. E *πάλιν* δέ): hence (Du.) it would be perhaps better to read נִסְיָוֹ; Be.^K Bu. אוֹ יוֹכְחֵנִי. But E *πάλιν* may be merely explanatory.

[כֹּאב] [here only in Job; in ²¹³ ¹⁶⁶ כֹּאב].

E מִשְׁכָּבוֹ, Bi. Grimme, Be.^K מִשְׁכָּב [as in v.¹⁵: note the similarity of the expressions describing the occasions or means of Divine discipline עלִי מִשְׁכָּב, בְּתוֹנוֹת עָלַי מִשְׁכָּב].

I9 רִיב] so Kt. Hi. De. Dav. Bu. RV.: "While the strife of his bones is perennial": רוֹב, Qrê, Or. (both Kt. and Qrê) E (Θ) (πληθος), S (לְמִלִּים), T (כְּנֻעִי), Y (omnia), Ew. Di. RVm. Du.: "While the multitude of his bones (*vid.* ⁴¹⁴) are firm" (Du. *are lamed*: אָטַר for אָתַן after E (Θ) ἐνάρκησεν Y marescere facit). Fried. Del. explains רִיב from Assy. *rōb* = ἐκλείπειν, *to vanish* (HWB 614 f.). Sgf., for רִיב or רוֹב, בָּאָב, Be. רָקַב (cf. Pr. 12⁴ בְּעִצְמוֹתָיו בְּרָקַב, 14³⁰ וְרָקַב עֲצָמוֹת קִנָּאָה, Hab. 3¹⁶ וְרָקַב בְּעִצְמֵי: for רָקַב see on ⁵³).

20. I9 הִתִּיתִי חֵיָּתוֹ לֶחֶם] The pf. with *warw cons.* (frequent.), as v.¹⁹. I9 חֵיָּתוֹ only here (but *vid.* on ⁶⁷). Aram. חֵיָּתוֹ is to *be foul*, ³⁸¹⁴ T חֵיָּתוֹ, a soiled garment; Syr. חֵיָּתוֹ is to *make foul*, S I9 , *fetid*; Arab. *zahama* is to *stink*, or *be fetid* (Lane, 1263), *zahama* is to *repel* (Freyt.: cf. Daûd Alfâsi, as cited by De.); and חֵיָּתוֹ here, as in ³⁸²⁰, is a syn. of נֶפֶשׁ (v.¹⁸ n.), as the seat of *appetite* (Ps. 107⁹, Is. 5¹⁴ and often). Hence H may be rendered: (1) His appetite *maketh* it, bread, *foul*, i.e. *treats it as loathsome* (the sf. in חֵיָּתוֹ anticipating the obj.: see ²⁹³ n.); so (virtually) EVV. *abhorreth bread*; or (2), from the Arab., His appetite *makes* him *repel* bread; so virtually Di. De. The Arab. *repel* (unless *zahama* means properly to *loathe*) is somewhat remote; so (1) is preferable. The anticipatory sf. is,

however, rare, and often textually doubtful (see 29³ n.), and its use here seems gratuitous : so prob. זָהָה (cf. on 6⁷) should be read (Du. Be. ; Bu. alt.).

21. [יָבֵל] for the juss. form, see on 13²⁷ 18^{9, 12} (Dr. § 172).

מֵרָאִי in pause for מֵרָאִי, as 1 S. 16¹² (טוב רָאִי) ; so חָלִי, etc. (G-K. 29m end, 933). *Away from seeing* (= so that it cannot be seen ; so Hi. De.) : מֵן, as Gn. 23⁶ 27¹, Is. 23¹. The rendering *vom Ansehen* (or *vom Ansehnlichkeit*) *weg*, *without fair appearance* (Di. Bu. ; De. perhaps preferable), seems to put more into רָאִי than it contains, making it = מֵרָאִה, which does mean not only *appearance*, but also *fair appearance* ; in 1 S. 16¹² רָאִי has itself a neutral sense, and the expression only means definitely “*good-looking*” through טוב. Du. Be. מֵרָאִי (Is. 24¹⁶ †), *through leanness* ; but “as Is. 24¹⁶ is dubious, read then מֵרָזֶן” (Bu.), as Is. 10¹⁶. Ὡς ἂν σαπῶσιν αὐτοῦ αἱ σάρκες, not expressing מֵרָאִי.

וּשְׁפִי [עֲצֻמָּתִי] is || to בִּשְׂרוֹ in ^a : presumably, then, וּשְׁפִי is parallel to יָבֵל, and מֵרָאִי לֹא רָאוּ ; but the two last terms are suspiciously alike, and not improbably לֹא רָאוּ is a corruption of מֵרָאִי which was repeated from ^a to the extrusion of the original parallel term in ^b (cp. 8³ n., and *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 295 f.). Ὡς may be a paraphrase of ἄν, or of some earlier form of the text ; in it κενύ (whence King in *JThS* xv. 79 לָרֵק, rendering, very hazardously, *with emaciation*) corresponds to לֹא רָאוּ, καὶ ἀποδείξῃ to וּשְׁפִי. The root שָׁפַח in OT. occurs elsewhere only in the Nif. part נִשְׁפַּח (הָר), Is. 13², a *wind-swept*, *bare* mountain, and the noun שְׁפִי, pl. שְׁפִיִּים, of hills that were *bare*, or *wind-swept*, possibly also in the obscure שְׁפֹת, *cream* (?), or *cheese* (?), 2 S. 17²⁹. In Arabic سفا is used of wind lifting up and carrying away dust, as, e.g., سفت الريح ; التراب ; hence the commonly accepted explanation of נִשְׁפַּח, וּשְׁפִי in Hebrew as applied to hills. Here, if the text is correct, the word might mean *bare*, *denuded of flesh* (cp. سفا, *emaciation*), and must have some such sense, if עֲצֻמָּתִי לֹא רָאוּ is correct, and really means *his bones which were (formerly) not seen* (because covered with flesh) ; cp. *U et ossa, quæ tecta fuerant, nuda-*

bantur, and Yahuda (who in *JQR* xv. 712 f. equates שָׁפָף with שָׁנֵף to be transparent) *his bones become visible*. Certainly this makes the v. hyperbolical: his flesh has entirely disappeared, and his bones, no longer clothed with flesh, alone are to be seen! But the hyperbole must not be avoided by weakening down the picture to that of bones sticking out under the flesh, as in EV. "his bones . . . stick out": this translation goes back to Sebastian Münster's version, extra prominent ossa eius, quæ (prius) videri nequibant, and this in turn to Jewish exegesis represented by Levi ben Gershom's equivalence נִבְהוּ, שָׁפָף, which was suggested, perhaps, by the fact that שָׁפָף is a term for a hill, and a hill sticks up and is high; but a hill was not so termed as being something high and prominent, but (see above) as a bare, wind-swept place. If לֹא רָאוּ is not original, or (see next n.) not a relative sentence, it would be simpler to assume for שָׁפָף here the sense common in Aramaic of *crushing*: cp. לֵב חֲבִיר וְשָׁפָף, a broken and *crushed* heart, Ps. 50¹⁹ ט; cp. also Ps. 51¹⁰, where it is used of bones, 89¹¹ (these and other examples in Levy): then render *and crushed are his bones* (without ceasing, or the like), or *the crushing of his bones is*—(unceasing). For the construction, if נִשְׁפִּי (Kt.) is predicative, see Dr. 188 (2); the change to שָׁפָף (Qrê) is unnecessary, and indeed gives a rather improbable use of the waw conv. with the pf. Be. proposes וַיִּשְׁחָפוּ as the name of a disease in Dt. 28²²].

לֹא רָאוּ] [the Pual of רָאָה here only, and here, perhaps, only because the punctuation has to make the best of a bad text (see last n.). But Di. suggests that the meaning is not simply *to appear, be seen* (נִרְאָה), but *to present a מראה*, i.e. a (fair) *appearance*. This sense, if intended, is more safely obtained from Bu.'s emendation לֹא נִאוּ (the second ו from וַחֲקֹרֵב in v.²²)—a good parallel to רָאָה in ^a, if that meant goodly appearance, but see n. above. Both Di. and Bu. regard לֹא רָאוּ (לֹא נִאוּ) not as a relative sentence qualifying עֲצֻמוֹתָיו, but as a second predicate: *his bones are bare, without (fair) appearance* (or, Bu., *unattractive*)].

22. [לְמִמָּוֶתָם] & ἐν ᾧ, paraphrasing; & unto death, U

mortiferi, Hfm. Perles, Bu. Be. לְמוֹ מִיתִים (for לְמוֹ see on 27¹⁴). But (Du.) “the fact that the מִיתִים do not occur elsewhere, any more than does the מִלִּין of v.²³, is not a sufficient reason for correcting the text” (similarly Peake). [Yet rhythmically Bu., if לְמוֹ might be stressed (yet see 27¹⁴ n.), would be more probable than ח (3 : 2 ; see 17¹³ n.); and the “slayers” would more naturally have been mentioned before the pit.]

23. [עָלִיו on behalf of, for him; as 42⁸ [after התפלל and, as here, of angelic intervention, Dn. 12¹ מִיכָאֵל . . . העֶמֶד]; Lex. 754a, b].

[כִּלְאָד [Nichols om., reviving (with Genung, who retains 'מ) an earlier view that the מִלִּין is human (and, indeed, Elihu himself), not angelic. For earlier theories of this kind see Schult.; for a sufficient criticism of them, Di. The omission of מִלְאָךְ would spoil the parallelism, and is certainly not required by the metre].

[לְהַגִּיד [Ἐ ἀναγγεῖλην δέ; Du. Be.^K (“fortasse”) וַיִּגִּד].

[וַיִּשְׁרֹר Ἐ τῇν ἑαυτοῦ μέμψιν, whence Be. Du. מוֹסְרוֹ (cf. 16). [ח], if correct, must mean *what is right for him*, יִשְׂר being rather different in meaning from, e.g., v.³ 6²⁵, and not quite the same as Pr 11²⁴ 14², to which Di. appeals.]

24. [וַיַּחֲנֶנּוּ] The implicit subj. is God (Hi. De. Di. Dav.), or the angel (Du. Peake): Bu. וַיַּחֲנֶנּוּ וַיֵּאמֶר; but [cp. Dr. § 138 and the examples *ib.* ii. a of waw conv. with the impf. following the pf. in a protasis: e.g. Nu. 5²⁷ 35²²⁻²⁴].

[פָּדְעָהוּ †] No vb. פָּדַע is known: read either (5 MSS, Wr. Grä. Hfm. Bu. Du.) פָּדְעָהוּ, or (Hrz. Ew. Di. Bi.) פָּדְעָהוּ (Del. takes פָּדַע, improbably, to be a by-form of פָּדַע). פָּדַע, to *let loose*, occurs in Hif. Ex. 5⁴, and Qal Ex. 32²⁵; but it is most frequent in Pr., where its obj. is usually מוֹסֵר (1²⁵ 4¹⁵ פָּרַעְהוּ אֵל 1²⁵ 4¹⁵ מוֹסֵר; (פֹּרַע מוֹסֵר מוֹאֵם נַפְשׁוֹ 13¹⁸ 15³² תַּעֲבֹר בּוֹ 8³³ תַּעֲבֹר בּוֹ); פָּדַע would be suitable in *God's* mouth (cf. ^b, and פָּדַע, || כָּפַר, Ps. 49⁸; and also v.²), but not as addressed to the *angel*. It is true, פָּדַע is elsewhere always used in a bad sense, and never as merely = to *release*, *free*; but on the whole it seems to have the advantage of פָּדַע. If פָּדְעָהוּ is right, we must suppose that it is used *merely* as a syn. for to *deliver*. The v. is without symmetry: Bu. would

read either ויחננו ויאמר פרעהו מצאתי כפר נפשו (a gloss; as Ex. 30¹², Pr. 13⁷) after Bi.¹, so also Be. St.; Du. (לנפשו), or, with Grimme, כפר מצאתי שחת מרדת פרעהו ויאמר פרעהו. $\mathfrak{C}$ has for v.²³⁻²⁵:

^{23a.} εἰν ὧσιν χίλιοι ἄγγελοι θανατηφόροι, εἰς αὐτῶν οὐ μὴ
τρώσῃ αὐτόν.

εἰν νοήσῃ τῇ καρδίᾳ ἐπιστραφήναι πρὸς Κύριον,

^{23b.} ἀναγγείλῃ δὲ ἀνθρώπῳ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ μέμψιν,

(^{23b.} *his*) τὴν δὲ ἄνοιαν αὐτοῦ δείξῃ,

^{24a.} ἀνθέξεται τοῦ μὴ πεσεῖν εἰς θάνατον

ἀνανεώσει δὲ αὐτοῦ τὸ σῶμα ὥσπερ ἀλοιφήν ἐπὶ τοίχῳ,

τὰ δὲ ὅσῃ αὐτοῦ ἐμπλήσει μυελοῦ.

^{25a.} ἀπαλυνεῖ δὲ αὐτοῦ τὰς σάρκας ὥσπερ νηπίου,

^{25b.} ἀποκαταστήσει δὲ αὐτὸν ἀνδρωθέντα ἐν ἀνθρώποις.

Here it is evident that ²³⁻²⁴ are rendered very freely; and that there is an addition after ^{23a}, and either an addition, or a free doubtlet of ²⁵, after ^{24a}. Du. recovers from $\mathfrak{C}$ two new couplets: אִם יֵשׁ בְּלִבּוֹ לְטוֹב אֶל-אֱלֹהִים יִדְרִיעָהוּ קִשְׁתּוֹ : יִחַדֵּשׁ שְׂאָרוֹ כְּטִיחַ עַל-קִיר וְיִחַדֵּשׁ מִתְּחִלָּה מִתְּחִלָּה : “whether,” he adds, “the couplets are original here, or only a marginal citation, cannot so easily be decided: in any case they would not be unsuitable after ²⁵, but they look much more like an alternative text of ²³⁻²⁵, especially with $\mathfrak{C}$ ’s מִתְּחִלָּה לְמוֹת לְמִיתִים in ^{22b}” (which, however, Du. does not accept). [The irregularity in form extends back to v.²³; in $\mathfrak{M}$ v.²³ is a tristich (3 : 3 : 3); ²⁴ is also a tristich and very abnormal (2 : 3 : 2). The tristichs with certain other doubtful features have been or may be avoided, in more ways than one. (1) Bu., in addition to changes in v.²⁴ noted above, omits in v.²³ מִלִּין and אַחֵר מִנִּי אֶלֶף, so obtaining from ^{23f}. two distichs 3 : 3; but at the same time he very questionably destroys an existing distich 3 : 3 (^{23a. b}), which shows a form of parallelism similar to those discussed in *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, pp. 78-80; (2) Du. apart from the addition of לְנַפְשׁוֹ at the end of ²⁴, and changes which are rhythmically neutral, simply corrects the verse division of $\mathfrak{M}$, connecting ^{23a. b} (3 : 3), ^{23c. 24a} (3 : 2), ^{24b. c} (3 : 3): for 3 : 2, see 17¹⁴ n. (3) v.²⁴ may be reduced to 3 : 3 as by Bu. (1): and v.²³ expanded to two distichs (3 : 3 and 3 : 2) by providing ^{23c} with a parallel from $\mathfrak{C}$ (the 4th line of

v.²³ as cited from **ט** above); in favour of this is the *order* of the words suggested by **ט** וְחָטְאוּ יוֹדִיעָהוּ ח' (not 'ח' יוֹדִיעָהוּ, as Du.), for this order would then be due to desire for variety of order in parallel lines (*Forms*, pp. 64 ff., 73 ff.).]

25. **רַטְפֵּשׁ**] [since this is (1) abnormal in form, quadriliterals produced by the addition of ר commonly having the ר *after* the first radical (G-K. 309), and (2) a pf., though in such an apodosis the pf. with waw consecutive or an impf. (cp. יָשׁוּב in ^b), would be normal (Dr. § 138. ii., where one instance only of the pf., Ezk. 3¹⁹, and that not quite similar to the present, is cited), it is simplest to regard **רַטְפֵּשׁ** as an error for **יַטְפֵּשׁ**, not (*ZATW* vi. 212: Kön. *Lex.*), through dittography of ר, for **טַפֵּשׁ**. The meaning of **טַפֵּשׁ** is presumably *to be plump*, or *fat*: in Ps. 119⁷⁰ it is used, as frequently in **ט**, metaphorically of the *insensibility* of the heart: cp. **הַשֵּׁמֶן** in Is. 6¹⁰, which is rendered by **טַפֵּשׁ** in **ט**. In Assyr. *ṭapāšu* is *to be fat*. Those who retain **רַטְפֵּשׁ** appeal for support (cp. Ges. B. s.v.) to **רָטַפְשׁ**, *lean flesh* (a meaning the opposite of which is required here) with the ר in its normal position *after* the first radical, and to the Assyr. *ritpašu*, *wide, broad, receptive* (Del. *Assyr. Handwörterbuch*, p. 626b), which has, however, not ט but ת, and is connected not with the root **טַפֵּשׁ** but with **רַבֵּשׁ**, *to be broad*].

נָעַר **כַּנְיָעָר**, *youth* (i.e. the age of youth), 36¹⁴, Ps. 88¹⁶ (**נָעַר כַּנְיָעָר**), Pr. 29²¹ †; = **נָעָרִים**, 13²⁶ 31¹⁸ al. Hrzs. Hi. Du. *more than* (in) *youth* (see on 11⁷): Di. (objecting that this rendering would go beyond ^b), De. Bu. *through youthful vigour, youthfulness* (von *Jugend(kraft), Jugendfrische*). [**נָעַר ט**, as *that of a youth*, cp. 2 K. 5¹⁴.]

וַיָּשׁוּב Bi. Du. Be.^K **וַיָּשׁוּב** (with **יַטְפֵּשׁ** in ^a), supposing ²⁵ to continue the address to the angel, and taking both verbs as jussives; but this is not probable.

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26. **וַיִּרְאֵהוּ וַיִּרְאֵהוּ** Bu. **וַיִּרְאֵהוּ . . . וַיִּרְאֵהוּ**.

וַיִּרְאֵהוּ] The sense shows that the subj. is the restored sufferer: **וַיִּרְאֵהוּ**, and *he* (God) *lets him see* (Bu. [**וַיִּרְאֵהוּ**], Oo., Be.^K with ?) is not necessary. [In spite of the intervening **וַיִּרְאֵהוּ** with

God as subj., the subj. of וירא would easily be understood to be the same as that of its parallel term יעתר. Bu.'s emendation would, however, prepare the way for וישב in ²⁶, if that were correct; but see next n.]

[וישב Du. Be. ויספר, or (better) ויבשר. The emendation is attractive; but the following על אנשים in ²⁷ (with which לאנוש, with the emendation, is virtually identical in meaning) is an objection to it. [But the repetition of אנוש in the two parallel lines may be due to transcriptional error of the kind referred to in ⁸³ n. Ehrlich in ^{27a} אֲנָשִׁים, *the sick*, is improbable: it requires him to emend וישר to יִשָּׁב (thus repeating the vb. of ^{26c}) and to assume for השיב the meaning *to narrate*. Apart from the repetition, Du.'s emendation makes of ^{26c}. ^{27a} an excellent distich of parallel lines: in מ ^{26c}. ^{27a} are two isolated stichoi between the distichs ^{26a, b} and ^{27b, c}.]

27. [וישר Rd. וישר. וישר might, no doubt, be a poetical indic. for וישר; but וישר, as an alternative to וישר, to *sing*, occurs only once (1 S. 18⁶ Kt.); and most probably וישר is intended by the Massoretes to express the sense of *He looketh* (U respiciet; Rabb. AV. RVm.).

[העויתי [not from the root עוה = غوى, whence עון, *error*, *iniquity*, but from 'ע = عوى, *to bend, twist* (in Arabic, e.g., of bending a bow, twisting a rope, a turban, etc.); cp. Ps. 38⁷, Is. 21³, La. 3⁹, Jer. 3²¹; and see Dr. on 1 S. 20³⁰]. Et for העויתי וישר הטאתי has merely *Oia συνετέλουν*;

[ולא שוה לי] [מ (שוה) non æquale factum est mihi is supposed to mean: it was not requited to me (Del. Di. Dr. RVmg.), though there is no other instance of שוה with this nuance: still this rendering is less unjustifiable than RV. text, "and it profited me not," and gives substantially what was doubtless the meaning of the originally longer line. מ might perhaps be translated: *and it was not meet* (or, *sufficient*) *for me* (RVmg.); cp. Est. 3⁸ 5²³; but this would give a poor sense, and the line would still remain too short. מ can also be pointed שוה: *he hath not made equal*; unless this meant he hath not requited, emendation is necessary]. Et καὶ οὐκ ἄξια ἡτασέν με ὧν ἡμαρτον, whence Bi. m.c. וְלֹא שוה לִי בַּחַטָּאתַי;

Du. ולא יִשָּׂה לִי כְעוֹנִי (cf. 11⁶, as read by him); Bu., to make the subj. clearer, לא יִשָּׂה לִי; Be.^K as either Bi. or Bu. Bu. adds: "if it is thought necessary to change יִשָּׂה, יִשָּׁלֵם would probably be better than Sgf. הִשָּׁיב."

28. חֲזַרְתִּי . . . נִפְשִׁי so Kt. Θ Σ; חֲזַחוּ . . . נִפְשׁוּ, Qrê טז, referring the words to Elihu, who, however, only begins to speak again in his own person in v.²⁹.

[מַעְבֵּר בַּשַּׁחַת] an expression not found elsewhere; and Bu. would either substitute for it the מִרְחַק שָׁחַת removed by him from ²⁴, or read, with 2 MSS, as ¹⁸ 36¹², מַעְבֵּר בַּשָּׁלַח. But may not Del.'s judgment be sound, that it is one of the peculiar expressions which Elihu uses? [At present v.²⁸ is rhythmically 4:3; if any emendation be attempted, it will be safer so to emend as to restore a 3:3 rhythm: possibly an original מִשַּׁחַת was written בַּשַּׁחַת, and then under the influence of v.¹⁸ amplified by the insertion of מַעְבֵּר.]

29. [פְּעָמַיִם שֶׁלֶשׁ] for the omission of ן, cf. Is. 17⁶. "Its omission gave rise to the reading פְּעָמַיִם שֶׁלֶשׁ, which is expressed by nearly all Vss." (Hrz. *ap.* Di.).

30. [לְהַשִּׁיב] Be.^K, after Σ, הִשָּׁיב or מִשָּׁיב, quite needlessly.

[לְאֹר] for לְהַאֲוִיר, with elision of ה, for which in Nif. there are a few (doubtful) parallels, G-K. 51^l (the elision in *Hif.* is more frequent: *ib.* 53^q). Du. בּוֹ אֹר חַיִּים (better, לְהַאֲוִיר, *לְאֹר*, to let the light of life shine upon him. Σ Bu. Be.^K ("perh."), St. לְרֹאֵת for לְאֹר (cf. ²⁸).

32. [חֲנַנְתִּי צָרָקָךְ] [the infin. after חָפִין without ל (cp. G-K. 114^m), and exceptionally with *nun energicum* before the suffix (G-K. 61^d). The punctuation צָרָקָךְ as a noun would also be possible].

33. [אֵין מִתָּה אֲנִי] cf. Gn. 30¹ וְאֵין מִתָּה אֲנִי.

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3, 4. [X¹ om. : MSS and edd. of G supply the vv. from Θ : τὸ καλὸν, however, at the end of ² G (= מה טוב, ⁴ H) shows that the translators of G had ^{3, 4} before them, though they left the vv. almost entirely untranslated ; so Di. Be. Bu. (against Bi.).]

3. יִטעם לֶאֱכֹל] tastes *in order to eat* (tries before eating), Hi. Di. ; tastes *in eating* (לֶאֱכֹל with a gerundial force), Del. G (Θ) εἰ βρωσιν, מֵאֲכָסֶּלֶל, escas = לֶאֱכֹל (ל, the *nola accus.*, as ⁵ n.),—unless, of course, as EVV. (*tasteth meat*), they merely paraphrase. Bu. very plausibly, יִטעם לוֹ אֵכֶל ; cf. 12¹¹ וַהֲךְ אֵכֶל יִטעם לוֹ.

4. נִבְחַרְהָ Grä. נִבְחַרְהָ.

[בִּינִינִי] בִּי, among, as Hos. 13¹⁵, Ca. 2^{2, 3}, Ezk. 19² 31³.]

6. עַל] = *in spite of*, as 10⁷ 16¹⁷.

אֶבְזֹב] *I am to lie!* (or, *Am I to lie?*), Di. De. Da., RV. (virtually): the impf., with the same modal force as 9²⁹ (n.). Du. אֶבְזֹב, *I am deceived*: but (Bu.) נִבְזֹב is not to *be deceived*, but (Pr. 30⁶) to *be made a liar*; the sense is thus substantially that of H. Hi. Am I to lie *against* my right? (cf. AV., RVm.), *i.e.* Am I falsely to admit my guilt? [Ehrlich אֶבְזֹב, and this, or something similar, forming a better parallel than אֶבְזֹב to אֶנִּישׁ חַי, may well be right: cp. Jer. 15¹⁸ כָּאֲבִי נָצַח וּמַכְתִּי אֶנִּישׁ אֶנִּישׁ].

חֲבִי Du. (“perhaps”) כִּי־חֲבִי (Is. 30²⁶); Be.^K “prps.” חֲבִי, מִחֲבִי. G (Θ) τὸ βέλος μου = H.

בְּלִי פֶשַׁע 33⁹.

7. [Line ^a is short: possibly a word parallel in sense to line ^b has dropped out after כִּי־חֲבִי.]

8. וְאֶרְחָה] Pf. with *וְאֶרְחָה* cons., with a frequentative force, carrying on יִשְׁתָּה.

לחברה] an unusual fem. form of the inf. : G-K. 45*d*.

וללכת may carry on וארה (EVV. Ew. Del. Di. al.), and is for going, etc. (Dr. 206; Is. 44^{25b}, Jer. 19¹² al.). But it is more natural to take it (Hi. Di. Bu.) as || לחברה.

9. לא יסכן סכן here intrans. = to make profit; in 15³ 22² (sq. ל), 35³ (sq. ל) trans. to profit.

רצה ; אם ראיח ננב ויתרין עמו 50¹⁸ רצה עם]ברצתו עם רצה (or ב), is to be pleased with: it thus expresses rather less than AV. RV. *delight himself with*, and rather more than RVm. *consent with* (as Ps. 50¹⁸ EVV.).

10. לכן אנשי לבב שמעו לי The line is short: hence Bi. Du. insert הַאֲנָשִׁים הַבְּכִימִים after לכן, which would in itself be a good parallel to אנשי לבב. Still the short line may have been intended to make the introductory exhortation to attend more emphatic.

חללה לאל מרשע On the constr. of חללה with אם, *v. Lex.* (27⁵ n.). When construed with מן, [the act or thing deprecated is regularly expressed by the infin. (*e.g.* Gn. 18²⁵); there would be nothing very strange in nouns taking the place of the infin. as here in חלל in both ^a and ^b (מרשע, מעיל), though the only actual parallel in OT. is the use of the pronoun in Jos. 22²⁹. But the difference here between nouns and infinitives (מרשע, מעיל) is merely one of punctuation; and if a word has been lost in ^b (see below) an infinitive in that line was almost certainly originally read, and in that case רשע in ^a is naturally pointed as an infin. also].

וישרי [The force of the ל in ^a is extended to ^b]: cp. G-K. 119*hh*. Bi. Be. Du. St. *m. c.* ולישרי, to lengthen the short line,—though the lengthening effected, except upon Bi.'s system (*Ule Shadday me'avel*), is very slight. It is, however, an improvement stylistically, though not perhaps a necessary one (see 15³; but the instances cited by Del. from Is. (15⁸ 28⁶ 48¹⁴ 61⁷) cannot be termed elegancies). Bu. *m. c.* קבעל עול (cf. ³² 36^{23b}), which naturally brings with it in ^a מרשע for מרשע. Α μη μοι εἴη (as though הלילה לי,—against the context) ἐναντι κυρίου ἀσεβῆσαι, καὶ ἐναντι παντοκράτορος ταράξαι τὸ δίκαιον, which somewhat supports Be. Du. in reading ולשרי [and

Bu. in assuming a third word in ^b. The rhythm in **י**, Bi. Be. Du. is 3 : 2 (17¹³ n.); in Bu. it is normal—3 : 3; the normal rhythm is also obtained if we read **מַעֲנֵת צֶדֶק**, as in 8³ ('עֹת צ'), with **ע**, which has the same phrase in both passages—*ταράξει* (8³ *ταράξει*) τὸ δίκαιον].

11. **פַּעַל**] 1 MS Reiske, Grä. Be. **כַּפַּעַל**, which might, of course, be right, but is not necessary (cf. **נָמוּל יְרִי אֶרֶם יִשִּׁיב לוֹ**, Pr. 12¹⁴): **ע** have *according to*, but this may be merely a paraphrase.

[**וּבְאֵרָחָה**] **ע** καὶ ἐν τριβῶν = **וּבְאֵרָחָה**, which would give a very poor sense.]

יִמְצִיאֵנוּ] cause it to *find, overtake, befall*, Hif. of **מָצָא**, as used in such passages as 31²⁰, Dt. 31¹⁷, Ps. 21⁹, Is 10¹⁴.

12. **אִפֶּה אֲמִינִם**] 19⁴.

יִרְשִׁיעַ] the Hif., in the sense *act wickedly* (the "internal" Hif., G-K. 53*d*), is a late usage: Dn. 9⁶ and Ps. 106⁶ **הִרְשִׁיעֵנוּ** (in the original passage, 1 K. 8⁴⁷, **רִשְׁעֵנוּ**). Bu. Du. Be.^K St. **יִרְשִׁיעַ**, which, as **הִרְשִׁיעַ** is trans. in vv.^{17, 20}, may be right.

13. **פָּקַד עָלָיו**] *entrusted to him*: **עַל פָּקַד** as 36²³, Nu. 4²⁷, 2 Ch. 36²³.

אֲרָצָה] here and 37¹² might be a poetical form for **אֶרֶץ** (properly an old accus. termination: G-K. 90*f*); but it is more probably a false punctuation for **אֲרָצָה = אֶרֶץ** (so 1 MS), Bi. Bu. Be. (compare especially Pr. 8³¹ with 37¹²).

שָׁם] Schl. Hi. supply in thought **עָלָיו** from ^a, who hath *laid* (upon him), etc. ?; but **וְיָ** implies a *new* sentence into which it would be very forced to carry over the force of **עָלָיו**. Be. would *insert* **עָלָיו** after **שָׁם**, which, of course, is unexceptionable [giving a real parallel to **עַל פָּקַד**; but it produces the doubtful rhythm 3 : 4 (21¹⁶ n.)]; Di. Del. *set, founded* (38⁵, Is 44⁷ (text doubtful)): but in this sense **שָׁם** would be a weak word; in 20⁴ (cited in Be.^T) **עָלֵי אֶרֶץ מִנִּי שֵׁם אֶרֶם עָלֵי אֶרֶץ**, the addition of **עָלֵי אֶרֶץ** makes the case entirely different. Bu. **שָׁמַר**, *keepeth*, Du. **בְּתַבֵּל**, "And who *attendeth* to the whole world?" **שָׁם** (*sc.* **לְבָוִי**; see next n.), as 23⁶ al. EVV. *disposed*, reads into **שָׁם** more than it contains: *posuit*, not *disposuit*, is the equivalent of **שָׁם**.

14. **וְיָשִׁיב** so Or.^{Qrē} (Baer, p. 58): 5 MSS Or.^{Kt.} **יִשִּׁיב**;

cp. $\text{ס. } \text{לָבוּ אֵל}$ is to *set one's heart* (i.e. mind or attention) *upon*, to *regard* (1^8 (על), 2^3); $\text{הִשִּׁיב לָבוּ אֵל}$, to *turn back one's attention to*, would, if correct, mean substantially the same. Either רוּחוֹ or נִשְׁמָתוֹ would, in this case, seem to be superfluous: omitting one (Ley omits רוּחוֹ) we get, "If he were to set (or turn) his attention on himself, and gather unto himself his breath." But a much better parallelism is obtained [and the normal 3 : 3 rhythm restored] by omitting לָבוּ (as originally a marginal gloss on 13^b יָשֵׁב , which has found its way by error into the text of 14^a), and reading $\text{אִם יֵשֵׁב אֵלָיו רוּחוֹ}$; so Bi. Bu. Du. Be.

(1) [אֵלָיו] [as in ^{b} refers to God; but under the influence of the intrusive לָבוּ (see last n.), וְ (ad eum) referred it to man: and RV. actually substitutes "man" for "him"].

16. וְאִם-בִּינָה בִּינָה , as accented, can be only the imper., for which, however, after אִם , even if אִם be taken as expressing a wish (Ps. 81^9 95^7 139^{19}), there is no parallel (in Gn. 23^{13} , even if the text is correct, לִי precedes the imper.,— $\text{אִם אַתָּה לִי יִשְׁכְּעֵנִי}$): the least change that is necessary is, therefore, בִּינָה , and if (there is) *understanding* (so Di. Du.): but in this case וְאִם בִּינָה would be expected, and it is much better to read בִּינָה (Bu. Be.). וְ אΣ ΣΣΥ all express a verb: but this is scarcely evidence that they *read* בִּינָה ; they may be free renderings of אִם-בִּינָה .

17. [הֶאֱפָה] 40^8 [Gn. 18^{23} $\text{הֶאֱפָה צָדִיק עִם רָשָׁע}$, wilt thou really sweep away the righteous with the wicked, Am. 2^{11} הֶאֱפָה אֵין זֶה , Is not this really (so)? So here: can one . . . really govern? or the force of אֶף may here be expressed in English by emphasis, an incredulous *can*? *Lex.* 65a].

[יַחְבֹּשׁ] חֲבַשׁ is to *bind*, *bind up*, especially a wound (Hos. 6^1 al.), and the hair (Ex. 29^9): here = *keep under control*, fig. for *rule*. The sense (only here) is peculiar (cf. עֶצֶר , I S. 9^{17}); and perhaps based on Is. 3^7 חֲבַשׁ אֶהְיֶה (Ἐ ἀρχηγός), though there the sense *bind* is clearly felt, the meaning being, bind up and repair the ruined state.

[צָדִיק כָּבִיר] [On the two adjectives ἀσυνδέτως , as often in Arabic, see] Ew. 270d; Del. [Kön. iii. 376m].

[תְּרַשִּׁיעַ] 2 MSS יִרְשָׁע (*act wickedly*, as ^{12}); so also יִרְשָׁע

(only misunderstanding ירשע in the sense of *condemns*, Dt. 25¹); Be. ירשע.

18. הָאָמַר] read with 1 MS C (ὁ λέγων), SH, Mich. Ew. Di. Bu. Du. RVm. etc. הָאָמַר. הָאָמַר (the form אָמַר, as Pr. 25⁷ אָמַר, Ezk. 23⁸ Mass. and old edd.†: with prefixes always בָּאָמַר, לָאָמַר) is supposed to mean, *Is there a saying . . . ? = Can it be said . . . ?* or (EVV.) “Is it *fit* to say . . . ?”; but there is no parallel to this use of the simple *inf. c.* (בִּי טוֹב אָמַרְלֶךָ, Pr. 25⁷, cited by Del., is quite different): to express such an idea would require הָאָמַר (cf. 40², Jer. 7⁹), or הָלָאָמַר (cf. Est. 7⁸, 2 Ch 19², Gn. 30¹⁵; Dr. 204 *end*), or הָיֵשׁ לָאָמַר (cf. 2 S. 14¹⁹ *al.*; Dr. 202. 1 with *n.*). Either הָאָמַר, or Grä. הָאָמַר, or Honth. הָאָמַר (cf. v.³¹), or Ley אָמַר מִי (cf. 36²³), would express substantially (and correctly) the supposed sense of אָ (can בָּלִיעַל be addressed to an earthly king? how much less then canst thou condemn the Almighty, v.^{17b}?): but that the question ^{17b} can only be answered in the negative is evident without further proof; and this reading spoils the connection of אִשֶּׁר in ^{19a} (the insertion of *how much less to* in EVV. in ^{19a} is obviously quite illegitimate).

בָּלִיעַל] [for אִשֶּׁר ב', cp. 2 S. 23⁶, Nah. 2¹. On theories as to the etymology of the term, see Moore or Burney on Jg. 19²²; *EBi. s.v. BELIAL*].

19. הָכִיר] 21²⁹ n. Du. proposes הכיר, *sc.* פָּנִים.

שׁוֹעַ] [see n. on 36¹⁹].

[לִפְנֵי] *before, above*: as Gn. 48²⁰.]

[בִּי מַעֲשֵׂה יָדָיו בָּלָם: רָגַע יָמֹתָו וְחַצוֹת לַיְלָה] ^{19a, b} are obviously parallel lines; in spite of some corruption in ^{20b} (יָגַעְנוּ), ^{20b, c} are almost as obviously such: between these two distichs the intervening matter ^{19c, 20a} should form another distich; but, as a matter of fact, (1) the lines are anything but obvious parallels; (2) the rhythmical balance of the lines is doubtful, for ^{20a} is four- rather than three-stressed, giving the distich the very questionable rhythm 3 : 4 (21¹⁶ n.); and perhaps it may be added, (3) רָגַע and חַצוֹת לַיְלָה look like parallel terms that should stand not in the same line, but in parallel lines. The alternative to regarding ^{19c, 20a} as a distich (Du.), is (RV. Bu.) to combine ^{19c} with ^{19a, b}, and ^{20a} with ^{20b, c} so as to

obtain two tristichs; but this is not preferable. Tristichs are at most rare in Job, and that two successive tristichs should be created, the first by tacking on a non-parallel line at the *end* of a distich, and the second by *prefixing* a line to another distich, would be sufficiently suspicious. It is doubtful whether ^{19c. 20a} are, as and where they stand, a part of the original text. $\mathfrak{G}$ has no translation of ^{19c} in $\mathfrak{H}$, for such are not the last words of v. ¹⁹—*θαυμασθήναι πρόσωπα αὐτῶν*. $\mathfrak{G}$ in ²⁰ is very free, if really a version of anything like $\mathfrak{H}$; Du. suggests that $\mathfrak{G}$ in ^{19. 20} contains a translation of ²⁵ (לִילָה) rather than of ^{19c. 20a}. But $\mathfrak{G}$ cannot be safely appealed to against the originality of these lines.]

20. חֲצוֹת לַיְלָה [Ps. 119⁶² and (ח' ה') Ex. 11⁴†: elsewhere חֲצִי (ה')].

[יגעשו עם ויעברו] a people (the people of such potentates, v. ^{19a. b}) are shaken violently, and pass away (Di. Del.). נָעַשׂ is to *shake violently*: of the earth, Ps. 18^{8a. b}, in Hithp. of waves *tossing themselves*, Jer. 5²²; of nations reeling to and fro (under fig. of drunkenness), Jer. 25¹⁶. But the sense thus obtained is not satisfactory: we expect, as the subj. of יגעשו and ויעברו, not עם, but the שָׂרִים and שׁוֹעַ of ^{19a}. Bu. Be. Oo. Honth. שׁוֹעִים (שׁוֹ) fallen out after the preceding שׁוֹ— [Ehrlich [שָׂרִים] for עָם: Du. מָעַם for עָם. The fig. of יגעשו is, however, very strong for either שׁוֹעִים (Bu.) or שָׂרִים and שׁוֹעַ (Du.): read probably מָעַם יִגְרְשׁוּ, they are *driven out from* a people (*i.e.* a people in which such men acquire pre-eminence), and pass away. [But the introduction of a special term ("the mighty") in ^{20c} without a parallel in ^{20b} is awkward: and it would be best, if יִגְרְשׁוּ מָעַם be read in ^{20b}, to emend ^{20c}. Richter proposes for ^{20b. c} יִגְרְשׁוּ נָם יַעֲבְרוּ וְיִסְרֹם אֲבִיר לֹא בִּיד, And a mighty one (*viz.* God) removes them without hand; but this by introducing a term for God as the subj. in ^{20c} spoils the effect of the phrase לֹא בִּיד. Till something better than this is proposed, it is perhaps safest to assume that ^{20b. c} each contained a term for the classes mentioned in ^{19a. b}. To avoid the objection taken to יִגְרְשׁוּ read יִנְעֶשׂוּ; Bu. thought of יָנַע, but rightly rejected the act. vb. on the ground that God is kept in the background.]

אבירים ויסיר, another MS ויסרו 1 [ויסירו אביר]. The 3rd pl. can be explained (as 4¹⁰ 6² 7³ etc.) by G-K. 144g. But either Be. ויסרו אבירים, or Du. St. ויסיר אביר (the subj. being God), or Bu. ויסר אביר, is preferable—the last being the neatest and best.

לא ביד [cp. Dn. 2³⁴ עד די התנורת אבן די לא בידן: not by human hands, but by something very different, viz. Divine agency. Similarly La. 4⁶: and, ההפוכה כמו רנע ולא חלו בה ידים, with אפס in place of לא, Dn. 8²⁵ באפס יד ישבר; cp. n. on לא איש נפח, 20²⁶].

23. [בי לא על איש ישים עוד] usually taken to mean, He doth not long (עוד as Gn. 46²⁹ ויבך על צואריו עוד, a rare usage) consider a man (לבו, ישים על, sc. לבו; see on v.¹⁴): Di., objecting that this says too little, He doth not *still* (after he has done the deed,—“erst noch”) consider a man; Hi. De., taking שים in the military sense which it has in 1 K. 20¹² ויאמר שימו ושימו על), He doth not long (עוד again as Gn. 46²⁹) *attack* a man. But the עוד in either case is awkward and unsatisfactory: the first two renderings give a poor sense; and the third gives one neither suggested by the context nor probable (להלך אל אל) (במשפט). Read with Reiske, Wr. Bu. Be.^T Du. ישים מועד (Be.^K ישים מועד, equally suitable though the pers. subj. has the support of the context: Du. Be. al. מועד), He doth not (like a human judge) appoint a *stated time* (1 S. 13⁸ שמואל (שם or אָמַר) or אָמַר) for a man (to appear, viz., for judgment, 23^b).

[להלך אל-אל במשפט] The idiom is unusual; but it is unwise to substitute את for אל (Ehrlich), since this only half recovers the commoner idiom בוא את במ' (Ps. 14³²) or הביא, בוא במ' (14³ 22⁴, Is. 3¹⁴, Ec. 11⁹).]

24. [ירע] Aram. for ירין, as Ps. 2⁹ [Is. 24¹⁹: see *Isaiah*, p. 470].

8² n. [כבירים]

[לא חקר] a short circumstantial clause introduced by a negative of the same type as 8¹¹ 24¹⁰ etc. (Dr. 164). [Here the phrase means: without (the need of) investigation: in 36²⁶ as also in 5⁹ 9¹⁰: without (the possibility) of investigation (Bu.).]

[ויעמד] in the older Heb. העמיד is lit. to "make to stand," in the later Heb. it is used more formally in the sense of to *set* or *place*; cf. Dn. 11^{11, 13, 14}; LOT⁹ 535,¹ 503, No. 4. Bu. ויעמד.

25. מַעֲבָדָר †] an Aramaism (as Dn. 4³¹, and often in Syr.) = Heb. מעשה. [To avoid the Aramaism Ehrlich, assuming haplography of מ, reads מַעֲבָדָהָם.]

[לילה] acc. of time, *in the night*: cp. בקר, Ps. 5⁴; צהרים, Ps. 91⁶: G-K. 118i.]

26. תחת רשעים] *instead of* the wicked, which is supposed to mean *like* the wicked, *as if they were* wicked (Ἵ quasi impios), treating them as common malefactors; [and Ehrlich would even make במקום in ^b synonymous with תחת in this sense, emending ראים to רעים || רשעים]. But this would imply that the כבירים were themselves not wicked: besides, תחת nowhere else means *like*. The text must thus be at fault. Bi.¹ Bu. תחת חמתו, רשעים, *His wrath shattereth* (Is. 9³) the wicked. The emendation [which restores to ²⁶ the normal 3 : 3 rhythm and good parallelism without, like the emendation next noticed, destroying the normal rhythm in v.²⁵] is a good one: whether it is right or not is more than we can say. Be.^T וידבאו מתחתם רשעים (מתחת, *from their place*, as Ex. 10²³, Zec. 6¹²), with והפכם לילה in ^{25b}: this in itself is also good; but ^{25b} is rather short. Other more radical emendations do not commend themselves. G omits ^{24b}, and for ²⁵⁻²⁶ has: ὁ γυγρίζων [thus not expressing (לבן) αὐτῶν τὰ ἔργα, ἔσβησεν δὲ ἁσεβείας, ὁρατοὶ δὲ [A + ἐγένοντο] ἐναντίου αὐτοῦ, whence Bi.² obtains two distichs: ירע כבירים לא: ידעבו רשעים ספקם במקום ראים; חקר כי יכיר מעבדיהם: Be.^K, keeping ²⁴ as it is, omits ²⁵ to לילה, and then reads: וידבאו תחת רשעים: ספקם במקום ראים: (or רסיסים): רשעים, after Houb. (so also Oo. St.); for רסיסים (Du.), *fissures, ruins* (common in Aram.), see Am. 6¹¹.

[במקום ראים] The phrase seems rather weak; but neither רעים (Ehrlich; see above) nor רפאם (Wr.) is a probable substitute for ראים.]

27. אֲשֶׁר עָלָם בֵּן usually regarded as a variant of בֵּן עָלָם, *Because* (Gn. 18⁵ etc.; *Lex.* 475b); but Di. supposes עָלָם בֵּן to point on to ²⁸ להביא, "who *therefore* have turned aside from

after him, . . . *in order to bring*," etc. (this, however, is really nothing more than a statement of the literal sense of **אֲשֶׁר עַל כֵּן**, and an explanation of the manner in which it (or **כִּי עַל כֵּן**) comes to mean *Because*; see *Lex. l.c.*): in either case ²⁸ expresses the *intention* of the acts described in ²⁷; the men in question so act with the intention of challenging God to assert Himself. **Ἐ** ὅτι **אֲשֶׁר עַל כֵּן**, whence Bi. St. omit **עַל כֵּן**; but the rendering is not evidence that **Ἐ** did not *read* **עַל כֵּן**; the translators of EVV. render *Because*, and they certainly read **עַל כֵּן**.

28. **לְהַבִּיא**] whether this is dependent on **עַל כֵּן** or on the verb in ²⁷, the meaning is the same: the v. expresses (as explained above) the intention of the actions described in ²⁷.

עֲלִיו = **אֲלִיו** (*Lex.* 41a, 758a), cf. Gn. 18²¹: hardly = *up to*, (for which Di. quotes Is. 17⁷ 31¹, 2 S. 15⁴, 2 K. 25²⁰).

וְצִעֲקָתָם] a different word might have been expected [**שִׁחִיָּה** . . . **לְבָבוֹתָם**; **Ἐ** (m.): Du. suggests **שִׁחֲוָתָם** (Ps. 18⁷ 34¹⁶ 40² 102² al.) or **צִוְחָתָם** (Ps. 144¹¹, Is. 24¹¹, Jer. 14² 46¹² †); [cp. 8³ n.].

יִשְׁמַע . . . **וְ**] after **לְהַבִּיא**, as 33¹⁷: see Dr. § 118.

29. [Both lines are conditional sentences without conditional particles (G-K. 159b.): for the rhetorical question as the apodosis, cp. 9¹² 11¹⁰ 23¹³.]

יִשְׁקַט] [may be punctuated as **Qal יִשְׁקַט**, *is still*, i.e. does not interfere (cp. Ps. 83², Is. 62¹): even if punctuated **יִשְׁקַט** (**ff**), it still] may mean *showeth quietness* (37¹⁷, Is. 7⁴ 57²⁰ = Jer. 49²³); but the Hif. may be intended here to express *giveth quietness* (cf. Ps. 94¹³). [Yahuda (*JQR* xv. 713) interprets **יִשְׁקַט** after Arab. **اَسْقَطَ**, *casts down, causes to fall*.]

יִרְשָׁע] [To gain a more direct antithesis to **יִשְׁקַט**, Hi. Del. Be.^T (but not Be.^K) emend **יִרְשָׁע** to **יִרְעֵשׂ**, *causeth disquiet* (cp. Is. 14¹⁶)—"eine Verschlimmbesserung" (Bu.). Ehrlich: **יִרְשָׁע**, if he be still, who can be saved?].

יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה] Bu. **יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה**, who will correct him? (40²). Wr. Be.^T (but not Be.^K) **יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה**, from **יִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה** (cp. 37³), when he removes the condemned (lit. hides the face, viz. of the prisoner), who can release him?].

29, 30. ועל גוי ועל אדם יחד : כִּי־לֵךְ אִדָּם חֲנָף :^{30a} ^{29c} Both towards (or against: sc. he hideth his face) a nation, and towards (or against) a man, alike; ^{30a} That a godless man reign not, ^b That there be no snares of the people (to lure them, viz. to destruction). The use of מֵן is in itself quite regular, both in ^a (*Lex. s.v.* מֵן, 7b (a)) and ^b (מִפְקֹשֵׁי עָם = מִפְקֹשֵׁי עָם, as 1 K. 15¹³, Is. 7⁸ al.: *Lex. s.v.* מֵן, 7b (b)); but the sense of both ^{29c} and ^{30b} is forced. Bu. regards ^{29c} as a gloss, intended to state expressly that ^{29a, b} is applicable to an individual (Job), not less than to a nation: he then continues (connecting with ^{29a}), after Θ (*βασιλεύων*), Τ (*מִמֶּנִּי מַלְכָּא*), Υ (*qui regnare facit*) מִמְלֶכֶת אִדָּם חֲנָף, and then fills up the short ^{30b} by prefixing מִשָּׁל : “When he maketh a godless man king, (Even) a ruler out of the snares (fig. for destroyers) of the people” (or, alternatively for ^{30b}, מִעֲקֹשׁ כְּעֲשָׂנִי עָם, “a perverse one, of the oppressors of the people”). But, as the verbs in ^{29a, b} are sing., would there be any need to add a note to point out that the reference was to an individual, as well as to a people? Du., rejecting אִדָּם חֲנָף as a gloss intended to explain what the מִפְקֹשֵׁי עָם are, makes a distich out of ^{29c, 30}: וְעַל נָוִי וְעַל אִדָּם יַעֲרֶה, “But he *watches over* (8⁶) a people and over men, That no snare of the people reign” (מִפְקֹשֵׁי עָם in מֵן partitive, as מימי, 27⁶ n.). Be.^K prps. יַפְקֹד for יַחַד; so St.: [Richter אַחַד for יַחַד (אִדָּם אַחַד = individual, and conjecturally prefixes to ^{29c} וְהוּא יַפְקֹד בְּמִישָׁרִים; But (whatever may seem to be the case, ^{29a, b}) *he* visiteth in equity, Both nations and individuals].

[אִדָּם] commonly understood by modern interpreters to denote here the *individual* in antithesis to גֹּי, a *nation* (see last n.), though Υ *super gentes et super omnes homines* (cp. Du. as cited in last n.) treats אִדָּם יַחַד as a larger *community* than גֹּי. אִדָּם, properly a collective, so far retained in Hebrew its original character that it never developed a pl. (ct. Phœn. אִדָּמִים), individuals of the human race being commonly indicated by בְּנֵי אִדָּם, pl. בְּנֵי אִדָּם, as individuals of the bovine kind were indicated by בְּנֵי בָקָר, בְּנֵי בָקָר. Nevertheless the sing. אִדָּם does at times refer not to the race, but to individuals of it, and may sometimes be

idiomatically rendered in English by *any one*: see, e.g., Lv. 1² 13². It is, however, a different matter for this properly collective term to express the idea of the individual *in contrast to* a collectivity such as nation; and the dubious nature of the Hebrew text, and the scarcely less dubious emendations hitherto proposed, leave it doubtful whether על נוי ועל אדם is the original text, and, if so, whether it means *towards a nation or towards an individual*.]

31-32. "For did one (ever) say to *God* (emph.), I have borne (punishment), without offending (so Ew. Hengst. Di. Reuss: Rashi, Ges. *I will not offend*; but in this case עור would be expected): Beyond (that which) I see, do *thou* teach me; If I have done unrighteousness, I will do it no more." הָאָמֵר is, of course, the pf. with ה interrog.: אֵל-אֵל is prefixed for emphasis, cp. (also before ה) Neh. 13²⁷ לָכֶם הִנֵּשְׁמַע, Jer. 22¹⁵, and (before כִּי) Is. 28^{15, 18}, Mic. 5⁴, (before לָמָּה) 1 S. 20^{8b}. The subj. of אָמַר is הָאָמֵר (21²² 30²⁴: see G-K. 144^e). [Other interpretations of the v. really require הָאָמֵר to be differently punctuated, or emended: הָאָמֵר, Θ, Du. (see below); אָמַר (Reiske, Ley); לְהָאָמַר (Bi.); כִּי אֵל אֱלֹהֵי אָמַר (Be.^K (alt.), Richter; cp. מִלֵּשׁוֹן בְּלִשָּׁנָה].

לֹא אֲחַבֵּל] = *without offending*: cf. Ps. 26¹, Lv. 1¹⁷ (Dr. 162). חָבַל, in late Heb., is to *deal corruptly, harm, offend* (Neh. 1⁷ †); elsewhere in OT of *material ruin or destruction*; cf. 17¹; also Aram. חָבַל, to *hurt, destroy*, Dn. 4²⁰ 6²³, Ezr. 6¹² †, Hithp. to *be destroyed*, Dn. 2⁴⁴ 6²⁷ 7¹⁴ †; חָבַלָה, Dn. 6²³ *harm* (of an offence against a king). [Richter לֹא אֲחַבֵּל with אֲשַׁמְתִּי for נִשְׁאָתִי.]

אָחוּזָה] *apart from* (Gn. 41⁴⁴): for the *st. c.* before
 a rel. cl., with ellipse of *that which*, cf. Jer. 2⁸, Ps. 65⁵ (G-K.
 130d). Θ (Θ) ἀνεξήμαυτον (בלערי) ὁψομαι, σὺν δειξόν μοι. Du.
 Be., however, emend the verses so as to make them contain a
 confession of sin: כִּי אֶל-אֱלֹהֵי הָאָמָר (אֶל-אֱלֹהֵי הָאָמָר) (Be. after יְיָ si erravi הָאָמָר הָקָטָה) אָחוּזָה (Be. הָקָטָה הָאָמָר)
 (Be. after יְיָ si erravi הָאָמָר הָקָטָה) אָחוּזָה: If (there is) one that saith to God, “I have lifted
 myself up, I will no more deal corruptly; I see it (*i.e.* I see that
 I have sinned, and deserve punishment, but admitting that he
 ‘does not know if אָחוּזָה is right’: Be. If I have sinned), do
thou teach me (*sc.* how I may escape the consequences of my

36. אָבִי[†]] if correct (as אָבִי, my *father* (F) *pater mi*), is out of the question), can be explained, it seems, only as by Wetzst. (see his long note in Del. *ad loc.*) as 1 impf. sg. from Arab. *bayya*, properly to *come in*, especially as a *refugee* or *suppliant* (= Heb. יָרָא: cf. دَخِلَ; دخيل), and then to *entreat*; in common use in the Hauran in this sense (pf. *bît, bînā, I, we, have entreated*; impf. *yebî, tebî, tabîn* (fem.), *abî*; plur. *yebû, yaben* (fem.), *tebû, taben* (fem.), *nebi*: his collection of Hauran poems, says Wetzst., contains many examples of these forms). If this explanation is right, אָבִי will mean here, *I pray* (God) that Job may be tried. But the explanation would be more satisfactory if to *entreat* were not (as appears to be the case) a relatively modern dialectical sense of *bayya*. בִּי, in אָבִי, is explained by Wetzst. from the same √: properly, *an entreaty to my lord!* = *I pray my lord* (cf. *Lex.* 106a, b), but is otherwise explained by Köhler in *ZATW*, 1916, 26 f.; cp. *ib.* 216.] A wish is also expressed by אָבִי, פֶּן יִבְחַן אֱלֹהִים אֶתְּךָ (with a double rendering of אָבִי), or, according to another reading, אָבִי, אִם (with a double rendering of אָבִי); and if we emend with Perles אִם (*If only . . .* as Ps. 139¹⁹). Ἐὼ μὴν δὲ ἀλλὰ (μάθε 'Iώβ), whence Hi. אָבִי (= *howbeit*, as in late Hebrew as Dn. 10⁷⁻²¹, see *Lex.*), Sgf. Bi. אָבִי (as 2⁵ 5⁸ al.); אִם, of a truth, whence Mich. Bu. ("possibly") אָבִי (32⁸); Grä. אָבִי. Bu. om. אָבִי (so Oo. Grimme, St.) as dittographed from ^{35a} אָבִי. Du. (after Ἐ μάλ' for אָבִי) Ah (assuming אָבִי to be a particle expressing a wish), that Job would *let himself be warned* for ever!

על תשובות באנשי און] There are many cases in which ב has the force of *in the capacity of* = *as* (*Lex.* ב, 7a, p. 88), and some (*ib.* 7d) in which (unless ב should be read) it denotes *in the form of*, as in a comparison, Ps. 37²⁰ and 102⁴ כְּלוּ בַעֲשֵׂן (but כְּעֵשֶׂן, Is. 51⁶); but this passage ("by reason of answers *in the capacity of* naughty men") and 36¹⁴ go beyond these; and it is better to read כְּאֵנְשֵׁי by reason of answers *like* (those of) naughty men (ב pregnant as in Ps. 18³⁴, Is. 29⁴ 63²: *Lex.* 455a); so 2 MSS, Ol. Be. St. (Ἐ ὥσπερ can hardly be cited for ב: RV. reads 'ב, but still has *like*!). תשובות as 21³⁴; but the absence of the suffix here is sus-

picious.] $\mathfrak{C}$ for תשובות, $\mu\eta$ δῶς ἀνταπόκρισιν = אֶל־תֵּשֶׁב; $\S$ $\text{ס} \text{ל} \text{מ} \text{נ} \text{ו}$ = וְאֶל־תֵּשֶׁב; $\mathfrak{H}$ ne desinas = אֶל־תֵּשֶׁבָּח; $\mathfrak{T}$ as $\mathfrak{H}$. Grä. after $\S$ וְאֶל־תֵּשֶׁב, “and *let him not be reckoned among* naughty men” which, as Bu. remarks, would follow well after Du.’s יָהֵר in ^a.

37. $\text{בִּינִינוּ יִסְפֵּק}$ sc. בִּפְיוֹ, as 27²³ (יִסְפֵּק), Nu. 24¹⁰, La. 2¹⁵ (בִּפְיוֹ), which, as the v. is very short, is probably, with Bu., to be inserted after יִסְפֵּק. Ley, Be.^K St. omit the two words *m. c.* [they are perhaps a gloss on v.²⁶; Bi. Du. omit also פִּשַׁע; but ^a is rhythmically better with than without פ].

וְיָרָב cf. on 33²¹.

CHAPTER XXXV.

2. **הואת** points on to **כי . . .** as 33¹⁰ 13²⁴ al. **אמרת צדקי כאל** (Or) sayest thou, "My righteousness is more than God('s)"? so Del.; and Ew. substantially, but treating **אמרת** as a subordinate circ. cl., "*thinking that . . .*" Di. Bu. Du. "Or callest thou it, 'My righteousness before [מן, 4¹⁷ n.] God'? that," etc. : **אמרת** (which does not by itself mean *call*) for (or **לָהּ**) ; cp. **נאמר ל**, *to be called*, Is. 4³ 19¹⁸ 61⁶]; the ellipse, however, makes the construction hard. [On either view the style is awkward and **כי האמר** . . . **אמרת** is scarcely an elegance.] **Ἐ** (*δικαιότερος εἰμι*), **ΣΤΥ** (*iustior sum*), *i.e.* (unless the VV. paraphrase) **צַדִּיקָתִי**; so Ol. Be.

3. **יסכן** cf. 15³ 22².

לך indirect narration (without **כי**) after **מה**: cf. 22^{17b}, Ps. 64⁶; and see G-K. 157*a*. The indirect changes here into the direct narration (**אעיל**): the opposite change in 19²⁸ **מ** 22^{17b} **מ** [with **אעיל**, cp. **מה נועיל**, 21¹⁵]. Grä. Du. Be. St. Bu. **לִי**.

מחטאתי *more than my* (hypothetical) *sin* = more than if I had sinned: cf. Ps. 18²⁴. Perhaps (Bu.) **מִחַטְאֵתִי** (the inf. as Ezk. 33^{12 end}). [Ehrlich avoids these rather doubtful locutions by reading in ^{3b} **אם תִּטְאֵתִי**, cp. 7²⁰; but is this probable before v.^{6?}]

4. **אשיבך מלון** In prose **השיב פ' דבר** (1 K. 12^{6.9.16} al.).

ואת רעיד [**Ἐ** **ואת שלשת רעיד** cp. 32³ (if **רעיו** and not **אנישים** is original there). Be.^T prefers **רע**, *thought: and thy thoughts with thee*].

5. **שחקים** [36²⁸ 37^{18.21} (all Elihu): in Job elsewhere only 38³⁷].

6. **מהיתפעלבו** presupposing **תפעל** (G-K. 64*c*), though the form in use is always **יפעל**, etc. Rd., probably, **תפצל**.

בר stronger than לו (7²⁰ 22¹⁷), [which is read here by 2 MSS: cp. ש לט].

8. H supplies, for the sense, in ^a *nocebit*, in ^b *adiuvabit*: so EVV.

9. [עשוקים] the pl. in an intensive sense (G-K. 124^c), as Am. 3⁹. [But a personal term עשוקים (MS^{Ken.} 363; cp. Jer. 22³) is suggested by the || in ^a, so ט ט ט ז ח.]

יועיקו "Whether this is rightly distinguished as Hif. (for 'to raise a cry' (G-K. 53^d), so only here), we must leave to the linguistic feeling of the scribe who inserted the י" (Bu.).

רבים so constantly means "many" that it could hardly have suggested the idea of *great men*; it is doubtful (in the sense *grandevi*) even in 32⁹; and in the sg. though used with collectives (as עם, קהל, צבא), it is otherwise very rare (מלך רב, Ps. 48³), except where it = *chief, chief officer*, as רב טבחים (in Jer. and 2 K. 25 for the earlier טבחים שר of Gn.), רבי מלך בבל, Jer. 39¹³ (*Lex.* 913). If correct, it is thus in any case an unusual sense. Hence Bu. ("perhaps"), Be. Nichols, רעים (as ¹²); or כבירים (as 34²⁴).

10. [אמר . . . עשני] so א (with με in ¹¹) ט ח: ש . . . אמרו עשני; so Bu. Oo. St. The change does not seem necessary: in ¹⁰ an individual (האמר: G-K. 144^c) speaks for himself; in ¹¹ he says what is applicable to himself only as one among other men.

11. [מלפניו] = מלפני (G-K. 68^k), and probably an error for it. א ὁ διαρίζων με, whence Klo. מפלגי, who *distinguishes us from*," etc., which "deserves consideration" (Bu.), and may be right.

יחבניו . . . ר] Dr. 117; G-K. 116^x.

12. [ישם] [some (cp. Bu.) postulate a temporal sense (cp. שם) for שם here, as in 23⁷; *Lex.* does not recognize the meaning, and it is strange that if, in Hebrew as in Arabic, the particle was temporal, this meaning should be so slightly and doubtfully attested: G.-B. cite for it Ps. 14⁵ 35¹³ 66⁶ 132¹⁷, but in Ps. 132¹⁷ the sense is clearly local; in the remaining passages, as in these passages in Job, the temporal sense, if

established, would be the more natural; though here in particular Kō. (iii. 373*k*) feels that שם approaches an *inferential* force].

[ולא יענה] Du. (cp. Peake) thinks this clause should, if the v. be in place, stand at the end of the v.; but since such a transposition would entirely destroy the balance of the v., it cannot be regarded as a solution of the difficulties suggested by the awkwardness of the style (see above). If this is to be improved, it should rather be by emendation of ^b, so that it yields a natural reason for יענה ולא יענה[ה]ם, *because of the pride of their thoughts* (or, *purposes*: Ps. 139^{2, 17}), would be easy, but not altogether satisfactory.]

13. [ישורנה] שוא is masc. : rd. probably ישורני (Du. Oo. St. Bu. Be.^K alt.). Bi. Du. ("perhaps") Be.^K alt. insert שפת before שוא (cf. שפת און, Pr. 17⁴); but the more general שוא is preferable. Ley, Be.^T אך ישועתם אר.

14. [אף כי] = how much less, when . . . (*Lex.* [*s.v.* אף 2]), as Ezk. 15⁵: so "how much more, when . . .," Pr. 21²⁷, 2 S. 4^{10f.}; cp. כי ואף, 1 S. 23³, 2 K. 5¹³; Hi. Del. here and in Neh. 9¹⁸ take כי אף as = yea, when [*Lex.* *s.v.* כי אף].

[תשורני] "(that) thou beholdest him not." Indirect nar., as ^{3a}. [The closeness of תשורני to ישורנה is a little suspicious; but ישורני (Bi.) would be equally so, and would find very precarious support in the καὶ σῶσαι με of G's paraphrase of 13. 14.]

[דין] Perl. Du. (taking the words as Elihu's) Be. St. דום, *Be still* (= be resigned), for דין, as Ps. 37⁷ דום ליהוה (|| והתחולל לו ||).

לֹו [ותתחולל לו] חולל (from חול) only here to *wait*, hence Bu. Be. either לוֹו [ותתחולל לו] (Ps. 37⁷) or (from √ יחל) ויתחיל or ויתחיל. However, the Hithp. means to *wait* only in Ps. 37⁷; the Qal has the same meaning, Jg. 3²⁵, Mic. 1¹²: so we can hardly be sure that the Po'el had not the same meaning as well.

15. [ועתה בראון פקד אפיו] The pointing and accentuation of אפיו show that the punctuators made two clauses of the line, understanding some word after אין; and had no intention of adopting the impossible construction of connecting אפיו and פקד. וּכְדֹן אָרוֹם בְּאֵלָיו לֹא הוּא אִסְעֵר רִגְזוֹהָ (and now, because (it is) as if he were not, his anger visiteth); cf. Ibn Ezra, בשביל שאין והענין בשביל שאין

לֹא דַעַת לְאִיּוֹב פֶּקֶד אָפּוּ . . . וַיֵּשׁ אֹמְרִים בַּעֲבוּר שְׁלֵא הִתְחַלֵּל לֹא פֶקֶד אָפּוּ עֲלֶיךָ :
 Kimchi, וַיֵּשׁ אֹמְרִים פֶּקֶד אָפּוּ ה' אָפּוּ עַל אִיּוֹב לִנְגֹד חֲטָאוֹתָיו; AV., But now, because (it is) not (so), etc. Del. in vain attempts to defend the connection of אָפּוּ and פֶּקֶד by the analogy of Arab. *laisa*, which is sometimes followed by a finite verb (with examples quoted from Fleischer); אָפּוּ פֶקֶד, taken thus together, are simply impossible Hebrew. Di. (as Ew. *Comm.*), because it is not (the case that)—or (as Ew. § 321*b*), because there is not (ought that)—his wrath hath punished: but both these renderings imply an un-Hebraic construction; and the second would, by analogy, require (before a rel. clause) אָפּוּ אִין. אִין is never simply “nothing.” Ἔ (Θ) (οὐκ ἔστιν ἐπισκεπτόμενος ὀργὴν αὐτοῦ), Σ (ἐπιλογιζόμενος), Hi. Sgf. Bu. Be. כִּי אִין פֶּקֶד אָפּוּ, because his anger punishes not. The sense thus produced is quite satisfactory: but, though אָפּוּ with a sf. is common before a ptc. (as Ex. 5¹⁰), and אָפּוּ followed by a subst. and a part. also occurs (as Ex. 33¹⁵, Lv. 14²¹ יָדוּ בִשְׁנֵת וַאֲיִן יָדוּ), there is no parallel for the ptc. *preceding* the subst., and אִין אָפּוּ פֶקֶד must be read. Grä. אָפּוּ. [Another grammatical possibility of אָפּוּ is that אָפּוּ, *his* (i.e. Job's, 18⁴) anger, is *obj.* of פֶּקֶד; but alike whether we point אָפּוּ פֶקֶד, there is none that punisheth, or read אִינוּ פֶקֶד, He (God) punisheth not, his anger, this yields no sense suitable to the context.]

וְלֹא יָדַע בִּפְשֵׁי מַאֲד [יָדַע בִּי, to know *about*, as Ps. 31⁸ (perhaps), Jer. 38²¹. פֶּשֶׁת is explained by Del., most precariously, as meaning *arrogance*, lit. *overflowing*, from the Arab. *fashsha*, the primary meaning of which is *assumed* to be to *overflow*. The *actual* meanings are, however, very different, to *make the wind come forth* from a milk-skin, to *belch*, *utter calumnies*, etc.; see Freytag, s.v.; Lane, 2399c-2400c, to say nothing of the sibilant being wrong. No doubt, with Ἔ (Θ) Σ Η, and most moderns, פֶּשֶׁת should be read. Cocceius, Ew. (if פֶּשֶׁת is not to be read with Ἔ), Hrz. Bu. *folly*, from פֶּשֶׁת (cf. Ar. *fasis*, *weak* in mind and body). [פֶּשֶׁת is certainly more probable than פֶּשֶׁת; but the text as emended, and with אָפּוּ פֶקֶד for אִינוּ פֶקֶד (see last n.) still suffers under an objection to אָפּוּ, viz. that מַאֲד in ^b with either פֶּשֶׁת or פֶּשֶׁת weakens the sense; we expect not “he knoweth not *much*,” but “he knoweth *nothing at all* about

transgression." It would be easy, but not very attractive, to read ארם for מאר; Richter avoids the difficulty otherwise, but also unattractively; he retains ^a, and in ^b reads ולא ירע כפֿיט (כפֿיט, as La. 3¹⁶): And now because it is not so (viz. that you wait patiently for God), his anger hath visited, and he hath caused him that is without knowledge to cower.]

16. [הבל] adv. accus. (as 9²⁹ 21³⁴) = *emptily*.

פצה פה [יפצה פיהו] as Jg. 11^{35, 36} (to make a vow; cf Ps. 66¹⁴ אִשֶּׁר פָּצוּ יַפְתִּי, Ps. 22¹⁴, La. 2¹⁶ 3⁴⁶ (in derision), Ezk. 2⁸ (to eat), Is. 10¹⁴ (of a bird); fig. of the earth, Gn. 4¹¹, Nu. 16³⁰ (|| Dt. 11⁶) †.

[יִכְבֶּד] See on 8². Θ (Θ)Σ erroneously יִכְבֶּד.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

2. [כִּתְרָא] an Aramaism: in $\mathfrak{T}$ Levy quotes only this passage and Is. 42⁴, and in the Afel (as pointed) Is. 51⁵, Mic. 5⁶; but in Syr. כܠܕ is very common (Ex. 14¹³, Is. 8¹⁷ etc.).

[וְעִיר] Is. 28^{10, 13} †: probably a diminutive form (G-K. § 86g, n. (the Engl. transl.); cf. Dr. on 2 S. 13²⁰).

[וְאַחֲרָיִךְ] 15¹⁷ n.

[לְאַלֹהָ] $\mathfrak{A}$ $\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\mu\omicron\iota$: Bi.¹ Grä. Du. St. insert לִי before לְאַלֹהָ, Bi.² [For the force of the ל in לְאַלֹהָ, which even in $\mathfrak{U}$ is not that of possession, cp. 13⁷. Hoffm. unnecessarily and improbably לְאַלִּיהוּא.]

3. [דַּעֲי] see on 32⁶. [Hoffm. רַעֲי: improbable.]

[לְמַרְחוֹק] 39²⁹, 2 S. 7¹⁹ (= 1 Ch. 17¹⁷), 2 K. 19²⁵ (= Is. 37²⁶); עַד לְמַרְחוֹק, 2 Ch. 26¹⁵, Ezr. 3¹³ †. On the use of לָמָן (with pleon. ל) see, further, *Lex.* 583b. [Here, as clearly in 2 K. 19²⁵ and (cp. the || מִשָּׁם) in c. 39²⁹ לְמַרְחוֹק = *from* afar, not *to* afar (so Del. here): for לָמָן in other phrases meaning *from*, see, e.g., Dt. 4³², Jg. 20¹.]

[פַּעֲלִי] “my Maker”: so only here (cf., however, the vb. Pr. 16⁴). $\mathfrak{A}$ $\epsilon\pi\gamma\omicron\iota\varsigma\ \delta\acute{\epsilon}\ \mu\omicron\upsilon$ (= לַפְעֲלִי)! [cp. Fried. Del. “meine Handlungsweise”].

נָתַן עֹז, נָתַן כְּבוֹד, to *ascribe* [1²² n.], as in נָתַן [אתָּן] צֶדֶק.

4. [תַּמִּיּוֹן] $\mathfrak{A}$ $\sigma\tau\upsilon\tau\epsilon\iota\varsigma$, whence King (*JThSt.* xv. 80), מִבִּיּוֹן.]

[דַּעוֹת] the pl. intensive [as 1 S. 2³, אֲמוֹנוֹת, Pr. 28²⁰; בִּינוֹת, Is. 27¹¹; תְּבוֹנוֹת, Is. 40¹⁴. See G-K. 124e].

5. [כְּבִיר] of God, as 34¹⁷: for the word, see 8² n. [$\mathfrak{A}$ omits כְּבִיר ו.]

[כְּבִיר כַּח לֵב] So Θ . The asyndeton (which equates strangely כְּבִיר כַּח לֵב with ^a כְּבִיר), the shortness of the line, and

the expression "strength of heart" (*i.e.* of understanding), all point, however, to some fault in the text. Bu. כביר כח וְחֵכֶם לֵב, "mighty in strength, and wise in heart" (so T: cf. 9⁴ כח חֵכֶם לֵבב וְאִמּוּן כח; also 37²⁴), removing at once all these difficulties [but producing the rhythm 4:4 which is very rare in Job (21²⁸ n.)]. Du. remarks, "כביר לֵב and כביר וְלֵא are variants, and כח a scribal error for לֵב, which has been suffered to remain; as כביר לֵב does not occur elsewhere, it is more prudent to read לֵבב (Ex. 9⁷)"; and so reads for 5-7^a (making two distichs of them) הֵן אֵל יִמָּאס כְּבִיר לֵב לֹא יִחְיֶה רִשָּׁע: וּמִשְׁפַּט עֲנִיִּים יִתֵּן לֹא (so Be.^K St. for 5, and as alt. for 7^a); but וְלֵא is now also needed in 6^a and 7^a [and was so read perhaps in 6^a by G—note δέ in 12.17 G]. [Another way of recovering the original text is suggested by G. 6-11 in editions of G are Θ, and thus 5 and 12 represent continuous lines in G: the two lines 6^b. 7^a appear in G (though separated from one another and from 5), viz. 6^b in 15^b G, 7^a in 17^a G. Bringing together the separated lines, G's rendering of 5.6 reads (γίγνωσκε δὲ ὅτι):

5 ὁ κύριος οὐ μὴ ἀποποιήσῃται τὸν ἄκακον,
 12^a ἀσεβεῖς δὲ οὐ διασώζει.
 15^b κρίμα δὲ πράξεων ἐκθήσει,
 17 οὐχ ὑστερήσει δὲ ἀπὸ δικαίων κρίμα:

this represents

5 אֵל לֹא יִמָּאס חֲמִים
 6 וְלֹא יִחְיֶה רִשָּׁע(ים)
 וּמִשְׁפַּט עֲנִיִּים יִתֵּן
 7 (or יִנָּע מַצְדִּיק(ים) מִשְׁפַּט (דִּין))

In point of rhythm and parallelism, and in providing an obj. for יִמָּאס in 5, this is certainly preferable to H. With the first of these distichs, cp. 8²⁰. In 5 τὸν ἄκακον = חֲמִים (not rendered by G in 4, where ἀδίκως συνιῖς probably represents רעות עמך) rather than (cp. Nichols) כִּי לֵב (cp. כביר כח לֵב in H); κρίμα in G 17 = H 7 should, according to the usage of G in Job generally, and in G 15^b = H 6^b in particular, = מִשְׁפַּט; but possibly it represents דִּין (adopted by Bi.: al. דינו), for κρίμα is = דינא in Dn. 7²², Ezr. 7²⁶. If G read מִשְׁפַּט, this should be explained as

the incorrect repetition of a parallel term (8³ n.), and עֵינָיו **ח** would have the stronger claim to be the original reading.]

6. [יתן] absolutely, = *grant*: Dt. 24¹⁵, Gn. 30¹⁸, Ps. 61⁶.

7a. [יגדע] cf. 15^{1,8}. [The Qal (**ff**) is preferable here to the Nif. (**ט**: cp. Nu. 9⁷).]

[מַעֲדִיק] Bu., in accordance with ^c and v.^{8ff}. מַעֲדִיקִים. An improvement; [Du. צָדַק with מַעֲדִיקִים for עֵינָיו].

[עֵינָיו] **ט** (in v.¹⁷, not v.¹⁵ as suggested in Be.^K) κρίμα = משפט, or דין (see on v.⁶ at the end).]

7b. [לְבַסָּא] ל, on account of the motion implied in וַיֵּשְׁבוּ; so Ps. 9⁵ לְבַסָּא לְבַסָּא, Is. 3²⁶ לְאָרֶץ הַשֶּׁבַע, 47¹ al.

[וַיֵּשְׁבוּ] the **י** by Dr. 127a (cf. Jer. 6¹⁹, 1 K. 9^{20f}. 15¹³, 2 S. 4¹⁰, 1 Ch. 28⁵, Dn. 1²⁰). Du. Be.^K וְאִם (rendering: ^{7b} And though kings were (?) on the throne, Whom he seated (וַיֵּשְׁבֵם, — without **י**) in glory (1 Ch. 29¹¹), so that they become proud, ⁸ Yea, though they were bound in fetters, (and) were taken in cords of affliction, ⁹ He would (?) declare, etc. [the writer having in mind such stories as those of Manasseh (1 Ch. 33^{10ff}), or Nebuchadnezzar's pride, fall, and restoration].

8. [וְאִם אֲסוּרִים] the subj. (the [צָרִיקִים] of ^{7a}) is not expressed: we should expect וְאִם אֲסוּרִים הֵם. Bu. St. וְאִם אֲסָרָם: cf. ^{13b}.

9. [וַיִּגְדֵּר] Di. Hi. Del. Bu. make the apod. begin here (Ew. not till ^{11b} [; but this would have the effect of giving a different character to the two similarly constructed vv.^{11,12}]); for the **י** in that case, see Dr. 127γ (Ps. 59¹⁶ after אִם; cf. Ex. 16³⁴, Nu. 1¹⁹ after כִּאֲשֶׁר, 1 S. 15²³ after יַעַן, Is. 45⁴ after לְמַעַן al.: cf. also ^{7b} above). Bu. וַיִּגְדֵּר.

9. [On the form of parallelism in this v., see Gray, *Forms of Hebrew Poetry*, 78 ff.]

[כִּי יִתְגַּבְּרוּ] that they behave themselves proudly (15²⁵), explaining wherein פִּשְׁעֵיהֶם and פִּעֲלֵם consist.

10. [וַיִּגְלֵ] Bu. וַיֹּאמֶר . . . וַיֹּאמֶר.

[כִּי יִשׁוּבוּ] expressing the obj. of וַיֹּאמֶר, “And saith to them (= commandeth them, as in Arab.; cf. 9⁷, and *Lex.* 56b) that they return from iniquity”: cf. Arab. *amara an*. So not un-

frequently in late Heb., after verbs expressing a desire or command, where the earlier language would use a *direct* expression (Ew. § 136^g; Dr. 39^β *end*): Neh. 2⁵ 7⁶⁵ 8^{14, 15} 13^{1, 19} וְאָמְרָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִפְתָּחוּם v. 22, Est. 2¹⁰ (all with אֲשֶׁר instead of כִּי, in the manner of these later writers: *Lex.* 83^b); contrast especially 1 Ch. 21¹⁸ לֵאמֹר כִּי יַעֲלֶה with the earlier 1 S. 24¹⁸ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ עֲלֵה.

11. וְיָבֹלָ c. 70 MSS וְיָבֹל; cf. on 21¹³. וְיָבֹל is preferable.

וְשִׁנְיָהּ וְג' om. Du. Be.^K St. m. c.

וְנִעִימִים as Ps. 16⁶; the masc. pl. = *amana*: cf. חֲרִירִים, Jer. 17⁶; חֲשִׁשִׁים, Is. 50¹⁰ (Ew. § 172^b), though the fem. pl. is more common, G-K. 122^q.

12. [בְּשִׁלַּח יַעֲבֹרוּ] the expression, as 33^{18b} (see *n.*). Du. as there בְּשִׁאֲלָהּ. [But here בְּשִׁלַּח stands *before* יַעֲבֹרוּ (ct. 33¹⁸); for this emphatic position there seems to be no reason. Since, further, v. 11^a is over-short and 12^a over-long, בְּשִׁלַּח may be a displaced, and then, of course, a corrupt, complement to יִשְׁמְעוּ in 11^a; we think most naturally of בָּקְלוּ; cp., especially, Pr. 5¹³ in its whole context, and in particular in its near neighbourhood to (וַיִּגַּל אֹזֶן לְמוֹסֵר) and לֹא הִטִּיתִי אוֹזְנִי (cp. here in v. 10 לְמוֹסֵר). After בָּקְלוּ had slipped down from its original position between יִשְׁמְעוּ and יַעֲבֹרוּ in v. 11 to its present position between יִשְׁמְעוּ and יַעֲבֹרוּ in v. 12, and had become partially illegible, the word was wrongly completed by some scribe who remembered the phrase in 33¹⁸. Less satisfactory, as only half meeting the rhythmical difficulty and not explaining the position of שִׁלַּח at all, is Be.^K's tentative suggestion to omit יִשְׁמְעוּ in 12^a. Ehrlich in 11 omits וְיָבֹל, and for וַיַּעֲבֹרוּ reads יַעֲבֹרוּ with יָמִיהֶם as its subject, and in 12 בְּשִׁלַּח for בְּשִׁחַח; but this leaves 12^a too long, and reduces 11 to rhythmical chaos. With the assonance in וַיַּעֲבֹרוּ and יַעֲבֹרוּ at the end of corresponding lines in a pair of similarly constructed distichs, cp. הָאֶבְלִי, הָאֶבְלִי in Is. 1^{19f}. For the vb. עָבַד of service to God used without a personal obj., cp. Is. 19^{21, 23}; also Jer. 2²⁰, where אַעֲבֹד was probably intended to suggest at once the meaning (cp. 39⁹) suited to the figure of the first part of the v., and the religious meaning which would form a transition to the last part.]

בבלי דעת] 35¹⁶ 36¹².

13. ישימו אף] a singular, "very artificial" (Di.) expression. שים, without any specification of the place where the object is to be "placed," is vague and ambiguous. The most probable view is that of Ges. (*Thes.* 1325a) "*reponere* tanquam in thesauro (Syr. ^{ⲓⲥⲓⲙⲟ ⲁⲩⲥⲁⲓⲣⲟⲩ}, *reposuit thesauros*)" (PS. 2563: a common expression, Ro. 2⁵, Sir. 3⁴, etc., used abs. *e.g.* ^{ⲓⲥⲓⲙⲟ ⲁⲩⲥⲁⲓⲣⲟⲩ}, Bar. 3¹⁷; hence here) "*reponunt* (in corde) *iram*, *i.e.* apud se custodiunt, servant iram, iræ et invidiæ indulgent, non ad Deum pie se convertunt," *lay up, cherish*; so also Di. (who compares 22²² שים אמרו בלבבך, Pr. 26²⁴ ובקרו ישים ארבו 9⁷ ישיח מרמה, Ps. 13³; see also Jer. 9⁷ ישים ארבו) Del. Bu. Cf. Du. "בָּלֶבָם must be understood (cf. Ps. 13³); it is omitted, because לָב has just preceded." Many older authorities understood אף of the divine anger (cf. Ro. 2⁵ *θησαυρίζεις σεαυτῷ ὀργήν ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὀργῆς*; so, wrongly, the RV. with marginal references); but this is against the context. [Ehrlich, *presuppose* anger in God, viz. as the cause of their sufferings.] Be.^T ("perhaps"), with 1 MS, ישימו from נִשֵּׁם (Is. 42¹⁴ †), *make to breathe forth* (?); cf. *¶ provocant iram*.

14. תבית] of course, the poet cannot have intended a jussive in *sense*: 18 MSS have תבית, which must, no doubt, be read.

נער] 33²⁵, Ps. 88¹⁶, Pr. 29²¹ †.

חיתם] see on 33¹⁸.

בקרשים] *among* (so Ew.) the קרשים, *i.e.* sharing the same lot that they do. ב in the sense of *in the capacity of, as* (v. on 34³⁶) is not probable here; and בקרשים may be merely a paraphrase. Ⲭ has the extraordinary rendering ἡ δὲ ζωὴ αὐτῶν τιτρωσκομένη ὑπὸ ἀγγέλων (= קרשים; cf. Ⲭ 5¹). [Hitz. *בשקדם, the early ripe*. The rhythm, 3 : 2, is suspicious; cp. 17¹⁴ n.]

15. ויגל] cp. 13²⁷ n. 15³³ n. 20²³ n. 33²¹ 34³⁷.

אונו] ⲩ Bu. Du. Be. אונו, to agree with עני and בעניו. Still, the עני is typical of a class.

16. ואף] If the v. introduces the application of 15 to Job's

case, rd., with Bi.¹ Bu. Be.^T, וְאֵף אִתָּךְ, "And as for thee, also"; if (see below) it introduces, in an adversative sense, what has *not* happened in Job's case, read, with Hirz. Du. Oo. Be.^K St. וְאֵף (for וְאֵף), "But, as for thee." Bi.¹ very cleverly suggests that לְרִנָּתָה (Ex. 8¹¹, Ps. 66¹² (emended)) has fallen out after צַר, before the following רַחַב: he thus gets two symmetrical lines: וְאֵף אִתָּךְ הִסִּיתֶךָ מִפִּי צַר לְרִנָּתָה.

[הַסִּיתֶךָ] the subj., according to the differing views (see last n.) of the meaning, is either (1) God (as in ¹⁵), or (2) רַחַב . . . וְנָחַת in ^b (pred. in 3 m. s. *before* the subj.: G-K. 1450). Of these (1) is unlikely, for הִסִּית is so regularly used with sinister associations—of enticing to evil, or to hostile or disadvantageous action (*e.g.* v. ¹⁸ 2³, 1 S. 26¹⁹, 2 S. 24¹, Is. 36¹⁸)—that it is unlikely to have been used of God leading Job to prosperity; a single example of a favourable meaning would be found in 2 Ch. 18³¹ if the text there could be trusted; in Jos. 15¹⁸ = Jg. 1¹⁴ the associations are neutral. But (2) is scarcely more probable, for it involves a very awkward construction. Not improbably words have been lost in ^a which contained the subject of הַסִּיתֶךָ, and the subject was then explicated in ^{b, c}. Richter would find the subj. of הַסִּיתֶךָ in מַפְעֵר (read instead of מִפִּי צַר)—a verbal noun from פָּצַר (cp. 1 S. 15²³), but the meaning which he suggests is questionable, and the combination of מַפְעֵר, רַחַב, and נָחַת ש' incongruous.]

[מִפִּי צַר] the words may well be corrupt, but neither מַפְעֵר (Hoffm.), as acc. of the state to דָּ—or voc., nor מַפְעֵר (see last n.) is probable.]

לֹא מוֹצֵק רַחַב [רַחַב] only here and 38¹⁸. † מוֹצֵק, *constraint, straitness*, from צוּק; מוֹצֵק 37¹⁰, Is. 8²³ †. לֹא מוֹצֵק, qualifying רַחַב = unconstrained (see on 12²⁴). In תַּחְתִּיהַ, if correct, the sf. must refer to רַחַב, treated, in spite of its form, as a fem. (Del., who compares רַחֹב, Dn. 9²⁵; and Ew., who compares, § 174g, a few other similar cases, especially in late Heb., as מִעֵט, Hag. 2⁶; עֵמֶל, Qoh. 10¹⁵; צָבָא, Is. 40², Dn. 8¹² (but masc. in 10¹); פְּתָנִים, Qoh. 8¹¹). But read probably תַּחְתִּיךָ, with 1 MS *pr. m.*, Bi.¹ Di. ("perhaps") Bu. Oo.

וְנָחַת שְׁלַחָךְ Ges. (*Thes.*), Del. and most (from נִיחָ),

"that which rests (= is set; die 'Besetzung') on thy table" (cf. הָנִיחַ, *to set down*); מְלֵאָה will then be either (Del.) attracted to the gender of שְׁלֹחֶנָּךְ, or מְלֵאָה must be read: Ew. Di., however, "And the rest (*quiet* [Is. 30¹⁵, Pr. 29⁹], *comfort*, 'Behaglichkeit') of thy table, which is (was) full of fat." Bu. omits נָחַת as an incorrect dittograph of תַּחְתִּית. Ε (Θ) καὶ κατέβη = וַיִּנָּחַת, yielding no sense, but testifying to the consonantal reading נָחַת at the time.

17. [דִּין וּמִשְׁפָּט יִתְמַכּוּ] rd. at least יִתְמַכּוּ, if not, with Du. Be. וּמִשְׁפָּטוֹ תִּמְכָּךְ (without דִּין, regarded as repeated by error from ^a); [but this reduces the rhythm of ¹⁷ from the normal 3 : 3 to the rare 3 : 2 (17¹⁴ n.). Note the suspicious similarity of שֶׁן מֵלֵא in ¹⁶, מֵלֵאחַ דִּין in ¹⁷].

18. חֲמָה prefixed to פֶּן for emphasis. Bu., arguing that חֲמָה must denote God's wrath (21²⁰), and that is out of the question in view of ^b, would read, with Bi., חֶם, *heat* (fig. of severe misfortune,—“die Drangsalhitze”), or better (so in his translation) (or חֲמָה חֶם פִּי חֶם, “*Dass es heiss hergeht darf dich nicht zum Hohnen (לְשַׁפֵּךְ) verführen*”: but this cannot be said to be probable. [Be.^K חֲמָה, *beware*, which would be an Aramaism: חֲמָא, frequent in the Targums as a rendering of רָאָה, in mod. Syriac = *to beware* (see Nöld. *ZDMG* liv. 154).]

פֶּן “(Beware,) lest . . .,” as 32¹³.

[יִסְתִּיךָ] the masc. after חֲמָה is very irregular: G-K. 145^u (end): cf., however, 8⁷ (where ? rd. הִשְׁנָה), Pr. 2¹⁰ 12²⁵ 29²⁵. [If we point חֲמָה (see last n. but one), the subj. of יִסְתִּיךָ will be הַמַּסִּית, (masc.): cp. RV.]

[בְּשִׁפָּךְ] *into smiting* (sc. of the hands), i.e. *scorning*: see 27²³, and (without כַּפִּים, at least in fl) 34³⁷ יִסְפֹּךְ בִּינֵינוּ. [ש here for ס, as in 27²³; if the meaning *sufficiency* (RV.) yielded sense, the ש would be normal: see 20²² (n.).] Di. *at the smiting* (Divine chastisement: שַׁפָּךְ from סַפָּךְ, 34²⁶), objecting that 'הַסִּית is always elsewhere to incite *against* (2³, 1 S. 26¹⁹ al.). Whether this objection is conclusive in such Heb. as this may be doubtful: if it is, Bu.'s לְשִׁפָּךְ (*to scorn*) relieves it. [Bi. בְּשִׁפָּךְ, *against the chastiser*, Du. מִשְׁפָּךְ with לַחֲמָה; see at end of n. on ¹⁹.]

19. Very difficult. יָשַׁע may mean, it seems, *opulence, riches* (so Rabb. ; EVV. : cf. יָשַׁע, *opulent*, 34¹⁹; *noble*, Is. 32⁵ †; and Ar. *sa'at* ¹⁰⁰, Qor. 6⁵⁷ al.—from *wasā'a*, to be *capacious, wide* = Heb. יָשַׁע*—properly *width, breadth, amplitude*, and so *ampleness of means, competence, wealth*; Lane, 3053b; cf. *Lex.* 447b); it may also mean (from √ יָשַׁע, יָשַׁע) a *cry for help* (Is. 22⁶ [יָשַׁע?], Jb. 30²¹—but rd. here יָשַׁע, see n.): but vocalize in this sense יָשַׁע, יָשַׁע (cf. יָשַׁע): hence, according to the sense given to the ambiguous עָרַךְ, we get: Ges. *Thes.* 1069b (עָרַךְ, 3, *æstimavit*, and so *magni fecit*) “*num divitias tuas magni faciet, i.e. respiciet?*” (cf. AV. Will he esteem thy riches?); Del. Bu. “Will thy cry set thee outside affliction?” (עָרַךְ (Del.) a “choice word for יָשַׁע, יָשַׁע, cf. 37¹⁹”; but ? : as Di. remarks, “עָרַךְ does not mean to *set*, ‘thee’ is not expressed”—though, if there were no other objection, יַעֲרֹךְ would be an easy emendation—and לֹא בָצָר is not the same as לֹא צָר (81¹ 30²⁸), but can only mean *without affliction* (cf. 4²¹ 34²⁰); Di. “Will (Can) he (God) bring thy cry into order (*i.e.* make thy rebellious cry one of humility and submission), without (the use of) affliction, and all the efforts of (His) strength?” Ew. Shall thy riches set themselves in array (עָרַךְ in its military sense, 1 S. 4² al.)—without need, with all the forces of strength? (dost thou think to meet God with the weapons by which thou wouldest ward off a human foe?). For Du.’s view, *v. i.* Bi. הַיְעָרְךָ יָשַׁע לְךָ (Bu., better, מְבַצֵּר לְכָל, “Can thy cry be set forth (cf. 32¹⁴, Ps. 5⁴) before Him, (Who is) cut off from (inaccessible to) all exertions of strength?” Clever, especially in ^a; but וְנִבְצָר is improbable.

In a choice of difficulties, perhaps the best rendering is: “Will thy riches be equal (to it, *i.e.* suffice to do this: cf. RV. *suffice*) without affliction (*i.e.* suffering is indispensable), Or all exertions of strength?” עָרַךְ, as 28^{17, 19} (sq. acc.; 28¹⁷ n.): an obj. is much desiderated; but יַעֲרֹכָה (the sf. referring to the action referred to) would be a very slight change: לֹא בָצָר, as 4²¹ בְּחִכְמָה, 34²⁰ בִּיר. לֹא מֵאֲמָצִי כֹחַ, cf. on 9⁴: מֵאֲמָצִי* only here.

Di. renders, as a whole (taking the passage in an unfavourable sense, of the unfortunate effects upon Job of long

prosperity): ¹⁶ and also unconstrained freedom (lit. freedom unconstrained *in its place*, תחת, as ²⁰ 34²⁶; or, reading תחתך, freedom without constraint *beneath thee*, 18⁷, Ps. 18³⁷) hath enticed thee away from the mouth of affliction (so that thou disobeyest the voice, or warning, of misfortune), and the rest (or comfort) of thy table, which was full of fatness; ¹⁷ and if thou art full of the judgment on the wicked (viz. in the malady from which thou art suffering), judgment and sentence hold (thee) fast; ¹⁸ for let not heat (passion, resentment towards God) provoke thee at the chastening, and let not the greatness of the ransom lead thee astray; ¹⁹ can he (God) bring thy cry into order (*i.e.* make it a cry of submission), without (the use of) affliction, and all the efforts of (His) strength?

Du. ואת הסיתך רחב ונחת מפי צר: ^{16b} לא מוצק החתך ושלחך. ^{16a} מלא דשן: ¹⁷ ודין רשע מלאה ומשפטו תמכך: ¹⁸ לחמה פן יסיתך משפך ורב: ¹⁹ היערך שיחך לו בצר וכל מאמציי כח: *i.e.* ^{16a} But thee freedom hath beguiled, And rest from the jaws of adversity; ^{16b} With no straitness that dismayed thee, And thy table full of fatness; ¹⁷ Thou art filled with the judgment of the wicked, And his judgment has taken hold upon thee; ¹⁸ (Beware) lest chastening entice thee into anger, And let not the greatness of the ransom lead thee astray; ¹⁹ Will thy complaint in distress avail against him, Or all exertions of strength? V.^{16b} consists of two circ. clauses. V.^{17b} דין repeated by error from ^a. משפך (not actually found, though a legitimate form from שפך), *chastening*, properly *smiting*, from ספק, 34²⁶. ערך, as 37¹⁹. שיח, as 23².

Θ is here very paraphrastic, and gives no help towards the restoration of the text. For v.¹⁹ it has: μή σε ἐκκλινάτω (= ^{18 end} אל־יפך) ἐκὼν ὁ νοῦς δεήσεως ἐν ἀνάγκῃ (בצר) ὄντων ἀδυνάτων [καὶ πάντας τοὺς κραταιοῦντας ἰσχυὲν (= וכל מאמציי כח), which follows, is Θ's version of ^{19b}].

20. שאף [תשאף, as 7² (n.).

לעלות] *that* (whole) nations may *go up* (vanish as dust, etc.: Is. 5²⁴ ופרחם כאבק יעלה, Ps. 102²⁵ ימי בחצי ימי in their place (תחת, idiomatic, as 34²⁶ n.: Dathe, Voigt מתחתם, *from* their place, which is an improvement). Du. אל־תשאף הָלֵלָה לְעֹלֹת עִם.

מִהָחֶבֶם, "Let not folly (הוֹלָלָה, Qoh. 1¹⁷ al.) deceive thee, To exalt thyself with him that thinketh himself wise (Qoh. 7¹⁶)."

21. **עֲלִיזָה בַּחֶרֶת מַעֲנִי** | **בִּי עֲלִיזָה בַּחֶרֶת** על | **בַּחֶר** does not occur: rd. probably with Bu. Du. Be. St. **עוֹלָה**, *unrighteousness* instead of **עַל** | **זֶה**. In Aram. **בַּחֶר** is to *try* or *prove* (e.g. for **צִרָר**, Jg. 7¹ ט; for **בָּחַן**, Jer. 17¹⁰ in **בָּחַן בְּלִיּוֹת**; so in § Jer. 17¹⁰ and often, PS. 506 f.; cf. Is. 48¹⁰ Heb.); hence Dathe, Ew. "perhaps," Wr. **בַּחֶרֶת** (Pu.), For on this account (that thou mightest not turn to naughtiness) *hast thou been tried* though suffering: Di. Bu. both object that, if this were the meaning, **בַּעֲנִי** would be expected rather than **מַעֲנִי**: however, **מִן** does denote the efficient cause (*Lex.* 580a); and even if **בַּעֲנִי** were more natural, **מַעֲנִי** for **מַעֲנִי** would be a very slight emendation (cf. Ezk. 48²⁹ where **בִּנְחָלָה** must be read; and Dr. *Samuel*², p. lxvii).

22. **יִשְׁגִּיב** | *showeth loftiness, doeth loftily* (G-K. 53d); the Hif. only here, the Qal, 5¹¹, Dt. 2³⁶ †: Bu. compares **הַמַּחֲתִּיק**, 20¹², and **מַחֲתִּיק**, 21³³; **הַלְעִיג**, 21³ al., and **לַעֲנִי**, 9²³ al.; **הַרְשִׁיעַ**, 34¹², and **רָשַׁע**. Be.^T "perhaps the **ב** is only dittographed from the following **ב**, and **יִשְׁגִּיב** = **יִשְׁנֶה** (24 n.) should be read."

מִוֶּרָה | **δυνάστης** = **מָרָא**, *lord* (Aram.: Dn. 2⁴⁷ 5²³, and often in Nab., Talm., Egyptian-Aramaic, and Syriac): so Ew. ("Gebietter"; see also p. 340), Bi.¹ Be. Honth. But the Aramaism would be a very strong one; and (Bu.) the idea of God as a *teacher* is in accordance with the thought of Elihu elsewhere. [Ehrlich **מִוֶּרָה** = **מורא**: cp. Is. 8¹³.]

23. Cf. the very similar v., 34¹³.

עַל | 34¹³ n. The perfects Who ever . . . ? are quite right (34¹³: Dr. § 9), though, of course, the impff. could be used (21³¹). [Del. in ^b gives the pf. a different force: *quis dixerit* (cp. Gn. 21⁷; Dr. § 19: but this is unnecessary, nor need we, retaining the pf. in ^a, read **יֹאמַר** in ^b (cp. Bu.).]

24. **זָכַר כִּי** | Cf. on v. 10^b.

תִּשְׁגִּיב | On this Aram. word (in Heb. only in Job), see on 8⁷. The Hif. also in 12²³; but there lit. **מִיִּשְׁגִּיב לְגוֹיִם וְיֹאבֶדֶם**, here fig. to *extol*.

שִׁרְרוֹ | The intens. Po'lel form (from **שִׁיר**) only here. Rabb.

AV. *behold* (Po'l. from נִיר). [The pf. is the pf. of experience (Dr. § 12), as in ^{25a}.]

25. חֹזוּ בּוֹ] look *upon*, viz. with admiration and awe.

26. שְׁגִיָּא] in Heb. only here and 37²³: the common Aram. word for *great* (Dn. 2^{6, 12, 31} etc.).

מִסְפַּר שְׁנָיו וְלֹא חֶקֶר] The pred. introduced by וְ: cf. 15^{17, 23}, Ps. 115⁷ (Dr. 125, *Obs.*).

27. יִגְרַע] Pi. only here. For the sense *withdraw*, *draw away to*, cf. Nu. 36^{3, 4} (of an inheritance), v.⁷ above, 15⁸: [Jacob (*ZATW*, 1912, 287) explains by جَرَعَ to *swallow, gulp, drink, sip up*; cp. e.g. Qor. 14²⁰ يَتَجَرَّعُهُ وَلَا يَكَادُ يَسْغِفُهُ, he shall sip it (the water) up, but with difficulty swallow it down].

נִטְפְּרִימִים] Du.'s מִיָּם מִיָּם, with the more definite מִיָּם, is a great improvement; so Honth. Be. St.

יִזְקוּ] וְזָק is to *strain*, or *filter through* (trans.), 28¹: the subj. then will be the water-drops, which *filter* the rain *through*. But (Hfm.) יִזְקוּ: they *are filtered through* as rain (accus. of the product), or (Du.) יִזֵּק he *filters rain through*, or, which is best (St. Bu.), יִזְקֵם, he *filters them through* as rain (מ dropped out before מִטֵּר).

לְאֹדוֹ] at the time of [ל, as in Gn. 3⁸: see *Lex.* 516b (6a)] his mist (Gn. 2⁶ †). Du. מֵאֵדוֹ, which gives a clearer sense (RV. also *from*, but explaining by the margin, “Heb. *belonging to*,” that this is only a paraphrase. But “from” implies legitimately the *reading* מֵאֵדוֹ). Bu. *for his mist*, supposing the drops of water to be first gathered into the אֶרֶץ, which afterwards (v.²⁸) forms itself into clouds, from which the drops descend as rain.

28. נָל] אֲשֶׁר יוֹלֵוּ is intrans. (Dt. 32² תִּהְיֶה אִמְרָתִי): hence אֲשֶׁר is accus. (G-K. 117s), as Jer. 9¹⁷, Is. 45⁸ with the same vb., and La. 3⁴⁸ with the synonymous יִרֵד.

יִרְעֶפּוּ] Cf. Pr. 3²⁰ טֵל יִרְעֹפוּ וְשֹׁחִים יִרְעֹפוּ; also Is. 45⁸ הָרַעִיפּוּ שָׁמַיִם וְשֹׁחִים יִרְעֹפוּ. ממעל ושחכים יולו צדק.

אֲדָם רַב] as עִם רַב Gn. 50²⁰ al. EVV. *abundantly*; but רַב is not an adv. Wr. Königsb. Be.^T take רַב as a by-form of רַבִּינִים, *showers* (Dt. 32² al.). In ῥήσονται παλαιώματα

is from Θ, ^{28b} ἐσκίασεν δὲ νέφη ἐπὶ ἀμυθιήτω βροτῷ agrees roughly with “^{28b} and fragments of ^{28a}, νέφη = שַׁחֲמִים,” Be.T. There then follows in Ε ὥραν ἔθετο κτήνεσιν, οἶδασιν δὲ κοίτης τάξιν (cf. v. ³³ מְקַנָּה . . . יִנִּיד, 37^{ab}), ἐπὶ τούτοις πᾶσιν οὐκ ἐξίσταται σου ἡ διάνοια (= 37^{1a}), οὐδὲ διαλλάσσεται σου ἡ καρδία ἀπὸ σώματος (= 37^{1b}).

29. [The rhythm is suspicious—2 : 2 : 2 (see 17¹ n.), or, giving to מַפְרִשֵׁי עַב a single stress, 3 : 2 (see 17¹⁴ n.). Further, the resemblance of עַב מַפְרִשֵׁי to פֶּרֶשׁ עַל in the next v. and מַפְלִשֵׁי עַב in 37¹⁶ are noticeable. The v. has perhaps suffered more corruption than is generally recognised.]

אֵם אָה] אֵם = Num. 2 as Jg. 5⁸, Is. 29¹⁶ etc. But אֵם אָה; whence Sgf. Du. Bu. אָה מִי, Be. אָה מִי, which is certainly more forcible than: Yea, can one understand . . . ?

מַפְרִשֵׁי] *the spreadings of the clouds*: in Ezk. 27⁷ מַפְרִשֵׁי denotes a *sail* (something *spread out*; cf. the √ Is. 33²³ בַּל-פֶּרֶשׁוֹ נִם al.). In 37¹⁶ we have the expression עַב מַפְלִשֵׁי (so 1 MS here).

תִּשְׁאוֹת] ה' (always in the pl.) denotes various loud and harsh sounds, which we in English should express by different words: 30²² Kt. the *roar* of a storm, Is. 22² the shouts or *uproar* of an excited crowd; *loud shoutings*, Jb. 39⁷, Zec. 4⁷ †: here we might render *crashings*.

סִבְתּוֹ] prop. a *booth*; fig. here of the dark thunder-cloud in which, in a storm, Yahweh was supposed by the Hebrews to be shrouded. Cf. esp. Ps. 18¹² סִבְתּוֹ סִבְתּוֹ סִבְתּוֹ.

30. אֹרֹ] if correct, must denote the blaze of light (not the lightning *flashes*, Bu.) which was supposed to surround Yahweh in the thunder-cloud, the נִיחַ of Ps. 18¹³. But אֹרֹ, *his mist*, v. ²⁷ (Du. Bu. Be.: cf. Ε (Θ) ἰδοὺ ἐκτενεῖ ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἡ ὥδῃ (!), ^a c. ηδω, so also (v. Field) Syro-Hex. on the margin) is almost certainly to be read for אֹרֹ.

יְרֵשֵׁי הַיָּם כֶּסֶה] “Roots of the *sea*” is an extraordinary expression, not legitimately paraphrased by the “bottom” of the sea, and the more extraordinary here, since, as God does not (in the thunder-cloud) cover Himself literally with either the “roots” or the “bottom” of the sea, it is supposed (Ew. Del. Di.) to mean *the water drawn up from the bottom of the sea to*

replenish the black, heavily laden thunder-clouds (cf. RVm. *And covereth* it (the light about Him) *with the depths (?) of the sea*. Such exegesis is incredible; though, if the text is correct, no other is possible; the alternative mentioned by Di., from Hrzs. Schlottm. Hi., that the “roots of the sea” denoted the upper, heavenly waters—the “waters above the firmament” of Gn. 1, being, if possible, still more out of the question. Du.’s וְרֹאשׁ הָהָרִים is a very plausible emendation: and he covereth (with it,—the “mist” of ^a; see above) the tops of the mountains; so Bu.²—abandoning the suggestion in ed. 1 to read גִּלְהָה for כְּבָה (a *lapsus calami* due to כְּבָה in ³²), “And the roots of the sea he lays bare,” comparing Ps. 18^{16a}—Be., and (“perhaps”) St. J. Marshall וְשֵׁרְשֵׁי הַיָּם בְּכֶאֱוֹ, “and the roots of the sea are his throne”—the “sea” being the heavenly ocean (Gn. 1⁷), the roots of which “were poetically conceived to be the seven mountains which were thought to surround the earth (En. 18^s 33²).” But the heavenly throne seems here to be out of place; for the context relates to the movements of the storm-clouds. With regard to the construction, Ew. Del. Di. make הַיָּם שֵׁרְשֵׁי the direct accus., בְּכֶאֱוֹ being = *make into a covering*: “And *make the הַיָּם שֵׁרְשֵׁי a covering* (sc. upon it—the light about him—or (Del.) upon him): but, as בְּכֶאֱוֹ is construed also (see on v.³²) with an accus. defining what the covering is, RVm. (see above) would seem to be equally possible. The rendering *covers himself with* is very dubious; it is contrary to the sense of Piel, and its only support is Jon. 3⁶, where prob. וַיִּכְסֵּם or (Is. 37¹) וַיִּהְיֶם should be read.

31. יָרִין] The *ethical* purpose (יָרִין) comes in rather abruptly: hence Houb. Grä. Be. Bu.² יִזֵּן, *feeds, nourishes* (Jer. 5⁸ Kt. מִזֻּנִים †; an Aram. word, Dn. 4⁹, Gn. 47¹² ט, Wis. 16²⁶ ט: cf. קִזֵּן, Gn. 45²³, 2 Ch. 11²³ †, and in Aram. Dn. 4⁹. 18 †).

לְמַכְבִּיר †] *in abundance*, which in ordinary Heb. would be expressed by לָרַב. One of the peculiar expressions used by Elihu; the verb הִכְבִּיר, 35¹⁶ †. The form, unusual for nouns, like מִשְׁחִית, destruction, מִשְׁכִּיל: cf. (briefly) G-K. 85m.

32. עַל כֶּסֶה אֹר. בְּכֶסֶה, though construed mostly with an acc. of the thing covered, is also construed with עַל, as

21²⁶ וְרָפוּהָ תִּכְסֶּה עֲלֵיהֶם (Nu. 16³³ וַתִּכַּסּ עֲלֵיהֶם הָאָרֶץ (*Lex.* 492a); hence אֶזְרָא here is syntactically an acc. defining that *with which* the hands are covered (G-K. 117s, cf. *ve. ff*); so Mal. 2¹⁶ וְכִסֶּה חֲמָם עַל-לְבוּשׁוֹ.

עֲזָה עַל [וְיָצִיאוּ עֲלֶיהָ בַּמִּשְׁנֵה] as Gn. 2¹⁶ 28⁶ al. For עליה rd., with some MSS^{Ken.}, Houb. Sgf. Bu. Be. עליו: אֶזְרָא is masc., except Jer. 13¹⁶, where, however (Bu.), עֲזָה (with the old form of the sf. of 3 sg. masc., of which some 55 cases are preserved in the OT., G-K. 91e), could easily be pointed, as in Is. 30³³ מִדְּרָתָהּ for מִדְּרָתָהּ (v. Dr. Sam. p. xxxiii). The meaning of מִשְׁנֵה is uncertain. פָּנֵה is to *light upon, meet*, whether with an acc. or ב, in a friendly sense (1 S. 10⁵, Gn. 32²), but with ב usually in a hostile sense, to *fall upon*, 1 S. 22^{17. 18}, though also to *meet* with a request = to *entreat*, c. 21¹⁵ וּמִהֲנוּעִיל כִּי נִפְגַּע בּוֹ, Jer. 7¹⁶; in Hif. to *make to light or fall upon* (sq. ב), Is. 53⁶ הַפְּגִיעַ בּוֹ, to *make entreaty* (sq. ב), Jer. 36²⁵; abs. to *make entreaty or interpose*, Is. 53¹² וּלְפָשְׁעֵם יִפְגִּיעַ, 59¹⁶ כִּי אִין מִפְּגִיעַ. We thus get here, (1) and commandeth it (viz. the light in his hands, to be used as lightning) *against the assailant* (Ew. Hrz. Reuss, Di. RVm.); but (see above) הַפְּגִיעַ does not mean to *assail*, nor מִפְּגִיעַ an assailant; (2) commandeth it, *as* (the ב *essentiæ*; Is. 40¹⁰ etc.) *one making it fall upon or hit* (sc. what it is sent against, Is. 53⁶); so Del. (*als ein Treffenmachender*, “as a sure aimer”): of this rendering, also, RV. “And giveth it a charge *that it strike the mark*,” is no doubt a paraphrase; (3) Ol. Bi.¹ Hfm. Bu. Be. Du. בַּמִּשְׁנֵה, *against the mark* (7²⁰); this is best. Du., thinking מִשְׁנֵה presupposes *slinging*, emends, very cleverly, but needlessly, and, in יִפְגִּיעַ, questionably: וְיִקְלָעֵהּ (better, Bu., וְיִקְלָעֵהּ), Upon the sling (כַּף, as 1 S. 25²⁰ בְּהוֹךְ כַּף הַקֶּלֶעַ, he balanceth the light, And slingeth it against the mark. [Other suggestions, not probable, are: (1) to give כָּפִים the meaning of *arch* (of heaven): cp. NH. כִּיפָה in Levy, *NHWB*: Honth.; (2) to treat כָּפִים as a measure (cp. 1 K. 18⁴⁴): a couple of hand-breadths (of sky) he covers with light(ning): Ehrl.; (3) מִפְּגִיעַ after יִצְאָה אֶזְרָא וְיִצְאָה לְהַב מִפְּגִיעַ]

33. [וַיִּגִּיד עָלָיו רִגְלוֹ כִּי־נָהָה אָף עַל עוֹלָה. 33.] Again a very difficult verse. [G (see on v.²⁸) ὥραν ἔθετο κτύπεσιν, οἷδασις

δὲ κοίτης τάξις, in which עליו רעו מקנה was read in a different order as על מקנה וירעו (?) על, and the rest of the v. still more differently from ח.] רע—from the √ of הרע, to *shout, raise a war-cry*, or sound a blast on a horn or metal trumpet, rarely to cry out in pain (Is. 15⁴, Mic. 4⁹)—is elsewhere *shouting* (Ex. 32¹⁷), such as might be mistaken for a מלחמה, or קול מלחמה, or Mic. 4⁹ † (לִפְיָה תִרְעֶה רַע) a *loud cry of pain: noise* (EVV.) is thus inadequate, nor is the word a very natural one to use of thunder, though Di. renders *Lärmruf*, and Bu. (transl.), Du. *Kriegsruf*, “war-cry” (cf. תרועה), supposing the figure to be that of the approaching armed war-god. But there is nothing in the context to suggest this; hence Bu.’s suggestion (in his note) to read רעמו, *his thunder* (so Be.^K “perhaps”), is very plausible. V.^b in ח. can only mean, “The cattle (tell) also concerning him that cometh up” (so Ew. Del.)—the cattle, by their presentiments of a storm coming up, announce that Yahweh is approaching in the thunder-cloud. The cattle, however, seem rather out of place here; and אף מקנה would be expected rather than אף מקנה. Θ (Θ) *περὶ ἀδικίας*, ’ΑΣ read עוֹלָה, *unrighteousness*, for עוֹלָה; so Böttcher, Hi. Di. Bu. Du. Reuss, with מִקְנֶה (Hif. ptc. Hi. Di.; cf. Ezk. 8³ end), or מִקְנֶה, or מִקְנֶה (Bö. Du. Bu. Di. alt.), and understanding אף in the sense of *anger* (℥¹ and ℥³ for אף מקנה have קנאה ורנאה, and ℥² מטננין ברנאה,—both connecting מקנה with √ קנא): as one that (the ptc. מקנה an acc. referring to the sf. in עליו) is jealous with anger (or, with מִקְנֶה, *makes anger jealous*, rouses it to jealousy) against unrighteousness. The construction of the vb. as in Zec. 8² וְהָיָה גְדוּלָּה קִנְיָתִי לָהּ קנאה is “jealousy,” not “zeal” (Ps. 69¹⁰, Is. 9⁶ al. in EVV.): “zeal” is ardour for a cause, but it lacks the feeling of *exclusiveness*, which is essential to קנאה and “jealousy.” Yahweh’s “jealousy” is *exclusive*: it cannot tolerate another receiving what is His or His people’s due; hence it is aroused especially by the desertion of Him for another god (Dt. 32²¹: cf., noticing the preceding context, Dt. 29¹⁹ (20), Ezk. 5¹³ (note 11) 16^{38.42} 23²⁵, Zeph. 1¹⁸), or by the imperative need of interposing on His people’s behalf against their foes (as Is. 9⁶ 59¹⁷, Zec. 8²: cf. Ezk. 36^{5.6} 38¹⁹, Zeph. 3⁸). It does not seem to be used elsewhere (unless in

Ps. 79⁶) of the feeling aroused by the dishonour done to God by *mere* wickedness; though that would not, perhaps, be more than an extension of its use in Ezk. 5¹³ etc. Grä. Perles, for על עולה, על־עולה, a storm, whirlwind (cf. Aram. על־עול, in 𐤀 for סערה, Jb. 38¹, Is. 29⁶ al.; cf. the vb. על־על, Jb. 27²¹ 𐤀; Syr. ܥܠܥܠ (rare), PS. 287⁶; NH. עלעול, Sir. 43¹⁷ marg., with the vb. עלעל, Kil. 7⁷, Levy, *ChWB* ii. 221^a); but this does not agree with מקנה: “the?, yea the whirlwind” (*sc.* telleth concerning him). Be. קרא with על־עולה “yea, his whirlwind proclaimeth also.” [If רעמו is rightly restored in ^a, עלעלה, if = *his whirlwind*, would form a good parallel term; then מקנה אף should contain the parallel to יגיד עליו; but Be.’s קרא is not quite satisfactory (rather ? מַחֲיָה, or better יַחֲיָה), and אפו rather than אף is wanted. But *the* thunder, *the* storm would be more natural than *his*; and instead of עליו, a term for wrath || to אף would be better (? רעמו): יגיד רעם יַחֲיָה אפו על־עלה : (רעמו ?) would be a good distich, but departs too much from 𐤀 to be at all certain. But in any case the ו of רעו may well have belonged to the second line.]

CHAPTER XXXVII.

1. אָה [אָה] *yea*, introduces emphatically a new thought, Ps. 16⁶. 7. 9 (*Lex.* 64b); Grä. אָה; but this is less forcible (*Lex.* 36b). Bi. Du. הָלֵא, supposing אָה [not rendered by אָ in 36²⁸] to have come in by error from 36^{33b}. But no change is necessary.

לָבִי [אָ (36²⁸)] Bi.² Du. לָבִי (addressed to Job); for (Du.) “it must be a matter of indifference to his hearers whether Elihu fears the storm or not, if they do not fear it.” But is this reasoning conclusive? [For לָבִי וַיִּתֵּר we should perhaps read וַיִּתֵּר לָבִי וַיִּתֵּר, restoring the 3 : 3 rhythm; or, adopting Du.’s הָלֵא for אָה, קָרַב וַיִּתֵּר לָבִי, which is rhythmically less easy, but קָרַב = אָ σου הָ διάνοια, לָבִי = σου הָ καρδία.]

וַיִּתֵּר] and leaps or starts (see Lv. 11²¹, Hab. 3⁶ (not *drove asunder*, EVV.)). EVV. *is moved* is weak and colourless.

2. שָׁמְעוּ שָׁמְעוּ] as 13¹⁷ 21² [But here, perhaps, שָׁמְעוּ and שָׁמְעוּ (שָׁמְעוּ, *i.e.* שָׁמְעוּ) are variants, both of which gained entrance to the text, producing the unusual rhythm 4 : 3 (see on 17¹⁴)]. אָ (Θ) שָׁ U.A. Du. שָׁמְעוּ for שָׁמְעוּ (only necessary if הָלֵא and לָבִי are read in ¹).

וַיִּתֵּר] may here be rendered *rumbling* (see on 3¹⁷). Bu. remarks on the effective word-painting produced here by the repeated *ō* sounds: שָׁמְעוּ שָׁמְעוּ שָׁמְעוּ קָלוֹ.

3. וַיִּשְׁרְרוּ] from שָׁרַח (Jer. 15¹¹ Qrê †; but the Kt. is probably better): an Aram. word, שָׁרַח, to *loose*, Dn. 5¹⁶, for ἀπολύω, Mt. 14²³ שָׁ, פָּתַח, Is. 20² שָׁ, 45¹ שָׁ, פָּתַח and שָׁלַח, Is. 58⁶ שָׁ, הָתַר, Is. 58⁶ שָׁ, Ps. 79¹ שָׁ. Here it = Heb. שָׁלַח (cf. 38³⁵ וַיִּלְכּוּ בָרָקִים וַיִּשְׁלַח).

עָל = אָל, as frequently (*Lex.* 41a).

4. קוֹל] 2 MSS Bi. Bu. Be. Du. קוֹל.

וַיִּרְעַם] so always with this word, though the juss. *sense* is not intended (1 S. 2¹⁰, 2 S. 22¹⁴ (= Ps. 18¹⁴ וַיִּרְעַם), Jb. 37⁵ 40⁹).

Either the $\bar{e}$ was peculiar to this word, or rd. יָרַעַם. (The *Hif.* הָרַעַים, Ps. 29³.)

וְלֹא יַעֲקֹב] *and stayeth them not*. עָקַב, if correct, will be a denom. from עָקַב, prop. to *place or leave at the heel* = *leave behind* (in Arab. *ʿakaba* is to *follow at the heel*; and the Heb. עָקַב in Qal is to *attack at the heel, or overreach*), the Rabbis explaining it with more particular reference to עָקַב in the sense of *end*, Ps. 119^{33, 112} (*Lex.* 784b): so, for instance, I.E. (Ps. 119¹¹²) וְכֵן אָמַר עַל לֹא יֵאָחֲזֶם לְסוֹף, ועֵינָיו לֹא יֵאָחֲזֶם מִן לְעוֹלָם עָקַב (Ps. 119¹²) הַשֹּׁכֵר עָקַב לְפִי יִשְׁתַּכֵּר סוֹף הַמַּעֲשֵׂה. There is, however, an Aram. and NH. word עָקַב meaning—though its etymological relations are not apparent, unless by an anomalous change of consonants, it comes from עָקַב—to *hold back, delay* (Lv. 19¹³ טָל to *keep back* wages, Ithp. to *hold oneself back, delay*, Gn. 19¹⁶ טָל for וַיִּתְּמַחַם, 1 S. 20³⁸ טָל for אֶל-הַעֲמֹד, al.; *NHWB* iii. 644b); and it is quite possible that עָקַבְּ should be read here. טָל here has יַעֲקֹבִינָה; and 3 MSS read יַעֲקֹבְּ. The sf., however, has no antecedent, and ^{4c} is (Bu.) “long for one line, and short for two”: hence Bu. St., very plausibly, וְלֹא יַעֲקֹב בְּרָקִים, “and he delayeth not the lightnings.” Du.: יֵשַׁא: קוֹלוֹ יָרַעַם אֵל (for נֶאֱוָנוּ in ⁴); (from ^{5a}) בְּקוֹלוֹ; but the threefold קוֹלוֹ, each time at the end of the line, is not an elegance, nor is so much change necessary. [But Du.’s last line is better than טָל, which is both short and feeble.]

5. [The rhythm is 4:4—rare in Job (7⁴ n., 21²⁸ n.), and sometimes at least due to textual corruption.] There is force in Bu.’s remark that ^a and ^b form a poor parallel; in ^a also the adv. acc. נִפְלְאוֹת halts after בְּקוֹלוֹ אֵל יָרַעַם, which in its turn seems a variant of ^{4b}; nor is a fall of snow ⁵ a cause (בִּי) of thunder: hence, comparing 5⁹ עֲשֵׂה גְדוֹלוֹת וְאִין חֲקֵר נִפְלְאוֹת עַד אִין מִכְפָּר (cf. 9¹⁰ and 36²⁶), he would read חֲקֵר גְּדוֹלוֹת וְלֹא (or וְלֹא) חֲקֵר גְּדוֹלוֹת וְאִין. Du. for ^a reads נִפְלְאוֹת אֵל יָרַעַם.

6. הָיָה] imper. from הָיָה, the Aram. form of the Heb. הָיָה, found six times in the OT., here, Gn. 27²⁹ הָיָה, Is. 16⁴ (in the prophecy on Moab) הָיָה, Neh. 6⁶ and Qoh. 2²² הָיָה, Qoh. 11³ הָיָה † (cf. also הָיָה). If correct, the vb. will be used in its primitive sense of *Fall*, found in Arab. (Qor. 53¹ “By the star ^جأذا هوى when it

sets"), but only here in either Heb. or Aram. Grä. Sgf. Perl. Bu. (not Du.) רָיָה or רָיָא, *saturate* (Ps. 65¹¹ etc.), which might seem better suited to rain than to snow; it is, however, attributed to at least הגשם והשלג together in Is. 55¹⁰.

ל [וגשם מטר וגשם מטרות עזו] must be understood from ^a before גשם (each time). גשם מטר after גשם מטרות forms a hardly tolerable combination. Probably וגשם מטר should be omitted with 3 MSS, Ol. Wr. Bi.¹ Hfm. Bu. Ley. S omits וגשם מטרות. Sgf. (omitting ^c) has for ^b וגשם המטר; Hfm. (omitting ^b) for ^c has וגשם ומטרות עזו (imper. *Be strong*, ל, as before, being understood from ^a before 'נ' and 'מ': cf. Pr. 8²⁸ בַּעֲזוֹ עֵינֶיךָ תִּהְיוּ); Du. (for ^b and ^c), retaining the ת in מטרות, גשם ומטר תִּעֲזֶה; Be.^K, as Hfm. or Bu., or וגשם ומטר עֲרָפוּ (*Drop*: Dt. 32²).

7. [בִּיד] חתם is peculiar, but it is found in 33¹⁶ (also Elihu). Hi. Grä. Du. Be. בָּעַד (9⁷): but בִּיד is more expressive.

כל אנשי מעשהו RV. "that all men whom he hath made may know (it)" is grammatically correct, but does not yield a good sense: read with H either כל־אֲנָשִׁים מַעֲשָׁהוּ (Ol. Kamp. De. (note), Di.) or כל־אֲנָשִׁים מַעֲשֵׂהוּ (Bi.¹ Hfm. Du. Be.): Bu. either, at the same time suggesting אֲנָשִׁים עֲשֵׂהוּ. כל may be repeated by error from ^a (Bu. Du. Be.^K). [E curiously for מעשהו has ἡὸν ἐαυτοῦ ἀσθένειαν whence Ehrlich questionably, מעטו, that every man may know his *nothingness*.]

8. [וְתִבּוֹא] Bu. וְתִבּוֹא.

9. [מִן הַחֲדָר] RV. "out of the chamber (of the south)," so De., "the chamber" being an abbreviation for "the chamber of the south"; cf. 9¹; but this is not probable. Du. (Ch. מִן הַחֲדָר) מִן הַחֲדָר (cf. Is. 21¹ לְחִלּוֹף בְּנֶגֶב); [but the elimination of the vb. is awkward. Be.^K מִן הַחֲדָר תִּבּוֹא סוֹפָה; but this produces the rhythm 2 : 2 : 2 (17¹ n.), In H the rhythm is 3 : 2, 17¹³ n.); but perhaps the very doubtful מִמּוֹרִים in ^b represents two words in the original text.]

[מִמּוֹרִים] if correct, *the scatterers*, i.e., *the scattering winds* (RVm.), poet. de *ventis borealibus*, quippe qui nubibus dispersis frigus offerant serenum (Ges. *Thes.*; so Di.); cf. Qor. 51¹ ^{וְ}וַלְזָרִיאוֹתֵי זֶרָא, *By the scattering (winds)!* But in this case

וּבְמִטְרָהּ דַּעֲמָא הֵדִין 3 i¹¹, Qoh. 2¹¹, וְחִיתִים אִשְׂרָא לֹא נִטְעָה = חִיתִּין דְּלֹא טָרַחַת לְמִינִצַּב
טָרַחַת דַּעֲמָא הֵדִין 3 i¹¹, Nu. 11⁹; cf. Ob. 9⁹, וּבַעֲמַל שְׁעַמְלָתִי לַעֲשׂוֹת = טָרַחַת לַמַּעֲבָד
= מִשָּׂא הָעָם הַזֶּה see, further, ChWB i. 319, and NHWB, s.v.:
so Heb. טָרַח = *troublesome burden*, “cumbrance,” Dt. 1¹² אִכְבָּה
†) הִיוּ עָלַי קָטָרִים Is. 1¹⁴. אִשָּׁא טָרַחַת is therefore properly to
make to toil or labour, which might also mean to *burden*
(belasten); but in the NH. usage (*ll.cc.*) it has the derived
sense of to *trouble, importune* (belästigen), e.g. Sanh. 8a מְטִירִין
הַטָּרַחַת אותִי תִּפְלוֹתִי לְרַגְלִי, thy *importune* one to repay; Ta’an. 24a
אֲתִקְוֶן לְהוֹצִיא וְגו’ still, when the Elihu speeches were written, it
might have had the more primary sense of to *burden*. But the
idea of the rain with which the clouds are laden is not here very

suitable: we have ^{9b} cold, ¹⁰ ice, and ^{11b} lightning. Hence Du. בָּרַר, *hail*, for ברי, [the vb. then taking two accusatives: cp. G-K. 117cc]; Be.^T Honth. Bu. אֶף בָּרַק יִטֹּרַח עַב, yea, the cloud *casteth forth lightning* (יִטֹּרַח, from Arab. *ṭaraha*, to cast or throw: Lane, 1837). This agrees excellently with ^b; but the explanation of טֹרַח is precarious.

יִפִּיץ עֲנַן אֹרֹר] RV. "He *spreadeth abroad* the cloud of his lightning": but הִפִּיץ is to *scatter* (so, rightly, AV. *he scattereth*), not to *spread abroad* (פָּרַס): hence point, with G (Θ), διασκοπτιεῖ νέφος φῶς αὐτοῦ, Ὑ et nubes spargunt lumen suum, 15 MSS, *Hagiogr. Neapol.* 1487, T of Rabb. edd., Venice, 1517, 1525, 1568, and of the Antwerp Polyglott (see De Rossi, *Supplementa ad Varias Lectiones*, 1798, p. 125), עָנַן (so Le Clerc, Mich. Dathe, Bu. Du. Be.), *the cloud scattereth its light (lightning)*.

12. מִסְבּוֹת] adv. accus. (in prose מְסִבִּי): from מְסִב, a *surrounding place*: 2 K. 23⁵ מְסִבֵּי יְרוּשָׁלַם, the *places round about*, (but ? rd. בסביבי, as Jer. 32⁴⁴ 33¹³); 1 K. 6²⁹ מְסִב, adv. acc. *round about* (but rd. probably מְסִבֵּב); Ca. 1¹² מְסִבּוֹ, *his table* or *divan*; Ps. 140¹⁰ רֹאשׁ מְסִבֵּי (מְסִבֵּבִי ?). Bu. מְסִבִּי; but מְסִבִּי is not used of a person or thing moving *round about*, but of people moving about, or of things happening, *round about* a person. The v. is unevenly divided: hence Bu. inserts יתהלך (Be. יִסְבֵּב) *before* מתהפך, Ley, Du. Honth. insert יתהלך *after* it. The former is better: and it (the lightning) turneth itself round about, turning itself by his guidance.

תַּחְבּוּלַת] *steersmanship*, used metaphorically of *direction, guidance, counsel*; only in the Wisdom lit.: Pr. 1⁵ 11¹⁴ בִּאֵן מַחֲשָׁבוֹת בְּעֵצָה הַכֹּן וּבַתַּחְבּוּלַת 12⁵ 20¹⁸ תַּחְבּוּלוֹת יִפְלֵעַם וְחִשּׁוּעָם בְּרַב יוֹעֵץ מַלְחָמָה 24⁶ (nearly = 20^{18b} + 11^{14b}) †.

לַפְעֵלם] in ff this is the middle of the verse; but really a new verse should begin here. The sf. will refer to the flashes of lightning in the poets' mind: but Grä. Be.^K Bu. לַפְעֵל מִכָּל-אֲשֶׁר יִצְוֶהוּ, *to do (anything) of all that (= whatever) he commandeth it*. But מִכָּל is rather a refinement: would not the poet be content with כָּל אֲשֶׁר?

אֶרְצָה] si vera l., a poet. form for אֶרֶץ, as אֶרְצָה, 34¹³ (see n.):

but no doubt ארצה (= ארצו) should be read with S, as there (Mich., Reiske, Bu. Be.); cf. Pr. 8³¹ מִיִּשְׁחָקָהּ בְּחֶבֶל אֶרְצוֹ Du. בְּרִצְנוֹ, according to his pleasure.

13. אִם לְאֶרְצוֹ] om. אִם, as repeated by error, with Bi.¹ Di. Sgf. Bu. Be.; Du. וְלִמְאָרָה (Dt. 28²⁰, Pr. 3³³ al.), comparing En. 59¹. [For types of parallelism somewhat similar to the text as emended by Du., cp. 31¹³ 36⁹, and see n. on 11¹⁰.]

יִמְצִיאוֹהוּ] 34¹¹ (see n.).

14. עֵמֶד] Du. Be.^K to ^a, m. c.: [but this merely produces 4 : 3 (17¹⁴) instead of 3 : 4: the rhythm would become normal by the omission of עֵמֶד].

15. הֵתְדַע בְּשׁוֹם אֱלֹהִים עֲלֵיהֶם] RV. Di. "Dost thou know about (as 35¹⁵) God's laying (His charge) upon them?" (the pron. referring to the natural agencies just described; cf. בָּם, 36³¹); שׁוֹם עַל, as Ex. 5⁸, though there an *object* follows, which is here desiderated. Ἐ οὐδαμην ὅτι ὁ θεὸς ἔθετο ἔργα αὐτοῦ, whence Bi.² Du. פָּעִלְיוֹ (Du. אֱלֹהִים בְּשׁוֹם, "... about God's ordaining, appointing (Lex. 963) his works." This is the best that can be done with the passage.

וְהוֹפִיעַ] the pf. with *warw* consec. in a freq. sense, carrying on בְּשׁוֹם, as 1 K. 8³³, Ezk. 3²⁰ (Dr. 118; G-K. 114r).

16. הֵתְדַע עַל מַפְלְשֵׁי עֵב. is as strange as 36²¹ עַל בָּחַר. Perhaps the ע in עַל is a dittograph: ל will then be the *nota accus.* after תִּדְעַ (as, e.g., 5²). Be.^K הֵתְדַאָּה wilt thou *soar* above . . . ? but דָּאָה means rather to *dart* or *swoop* (Dt. 28⁴⁹, Ps. 18¹¹, Jer. 48⁴⁰ = 49²² †).

מַפְלְשֵׁי] *balancings*, from פָּלַס, to *weigh* (fig. to *make even* a road); cf. פָּלַס, a *balance*, Pr. 16¹¹, Is. 40¹² †. Bu. (note, but not in translation) מַפְרְשֵׁי, as 36²⁹: but the idea of the clouds laden with moisture being poised in the sky is more picturesque.

מַפְלְאוֹת †] Probably miswritten for נַפְלָאוֹת, as ¹⁴ (a few MSS, Sgf. Bi.² Bu. Be.^T), through the influence of מַפְלְשֵׁי.

תְּמִיִּים דְּעִים] cf. 36⁴ תְּמִיִּים דְּעוֹת (of Elihu): דְּעִים [MS^{Ken. 153} רַעִים: Ἐ πονηρῶν] only here: cf. on 32⁶. Du. [precariously, though ἦ is not too certain] for ^b מַרְעֵם תְּהֵם מִפִּיל, *making a water-flood* (cf. תְּהֵם in Ps. 42⁸) *to fall (pour) down at the thunder*,

“the cloud that floats so lightly in the air, may nevertheless in a thunder-storm discharge a deluge of water on the earth.”

17. **אִשֶּׁר בְּגָדֶיךָ**] a pron. of the 2nd person being the supplement of **אִשֶּׁר**: “*Thou whose garments are warm*”; cf. Hos. 14⁴ **יְרַחֵם יְיָ אִשֶּׁר בְּךָ יְרַחֵם יְיָ**, *Thou through whom the fatherless is compassionated!* Ps. 71^{10, 20} (*Lex.* 82a). [Du. Peake take **אִשֶּׁר** as a conjunction: what time thy garments are warm. RV. (How thy garments are warm?) makes ¹⁷ still dependent on **הִתְרַעַע** in 17¹⁶.]

בְּהִשְׁקֵט] **הִשְׁקִיט** = to *show quietness* (the “internal” Hif.: G-K. 53e); so Is. 7⁴ **הִשְׁמִיר וְהִשְׁקֵט**, 57²⁰ (= Jer. 49²³) **כִּי הִשְׁקֵט לֹא יוֹכֵל**.

דְּרוֹם] poet. and late: elsewhere only Dt. 33²³, Ezk. (13 times), Qoh. 1⁶ 11³. Also only here of the south *wind*.

18. **תִּרְקַע**] with the interrog. not expressed (G-K. 150a, b). **רָקַע** (Hif. only here) is to *stamp* with the feet, Ezk. 6¹¹ 25⁶; to *beat down* (cf. in Syr. **ܪܩܥܐ** = *πεπτεσμένον*, Lk. 6³⁸), or *beat out*, especially of metals to *beat out* into plates, as Jer. 10⁹ **וַיִּרְקַעֵם צָפוֹי**, Is. 40¹⁹, Ex. 39³, Nu. 17⁴ (of the censers) **וַיִּרְקַעֵם צָפוֹי** (עָשׂוּ אוֹתָם רָקַעַי פָּחִים צָפוֹי לְמִזְבֵּחַ) (cf. ³ **לְמִזְבֵּחַ**). The word is evidently chosen here, with allusion to the **רָקַעַי**.

עִמּוֹ] *with him*; i.e. either *with him*, as his companion and equal, or *like him* (9²⁶).

לְשַׁחֲקִים] the **ל**, as *Lex.* s.v. **ל**, 3a.

שַׁחֲקִים] properly *clouds*; here poet. for the **רָקַעַי**.

רָאִי †] *mirror*; = **מִרְאָה**, Ex. 38⁸ †.

מִוְצָק] Hof. ptcp. from **וָצַק**; cf. **הָיָם מִוְצָק**, 1 K. 7²³. Different from the **מִוְצָק** of 10, and the **מִוְצָק** of 36¹⁶ (from **וָצַק**).

19. **הוֹדִיעֵנוּ**] c. 25 MSS, Orient. Kt., אֶס Di. Bi. Du. Be. הוֹדִיעֵנִי, “*Make me to know what we (men) shall say to him.*”

לוֹ] [*to him (God)*, as commonly understood; *of, about* (as Gn. 20¹³: *Lex.* 514a, e) it (Ehrlich: see on **הִסְפַּר**, v.²⁰).

לֹא נֶעֱדָךְ] *sc.* **מִלּוֹן** (see 32¹⁴); cf. Ps. 5⁴ (in c. 33⁵ **מִלְחָמָה** is more probably to be understood).

20. **הִסְפַּר**] [Ehrlich postulates for this word here a sense found in Arabic, as, e.g., in **سُفِرَتِ الرِّيحُ الْعَیْمِ**, the wind *dispersed* the clouds (cited by Lane); and deletes **לוֹ** as an insertion

made when, this unusual sense not being understood, יִכְפֹּר was taken in its familiar sense. Omitting v.¹⁸ he obtains for 19a. 20 the meaning: 'Teach me then what we shall say of it (*i.e.* the marvels of 16f.) . . . Will they (the clouds) be dispersed if I speak, Or did man ever command that they should be driven away (יִבְלֶע). But these suggestions are in themselves hazardous, and associated with others equally hazardous in the remainder of 15-24, and form no safe way of escape from the strange and perhaps corrupt expressions in 19].

יִבְלֶע [אִם אָמַר אִישׁ כִּי וְיִבְלֶע "Or did man ever say (= wish, purpose: Ex. 2¹⁴; Lex. s.v. אָמַר, 2) that he would be swallowed up (fig. for annihilated)?" אָמַר כִּי as 36¹⁰, where see *n.* Du. 'וְיִכְפֹּר לוֹ כִּי יִדְבֵּר אִם אָמַר וְנָ' "Hath he (God) a reprover (see 40²), when He speaks, Or doth a man say that He is confused?" understanding בִּלְע in the doubtful sense of בָּלַל (see [also, perhaps, Is. 3¹² (n.) 19³ 28⁷, Ps. 107²⁷]).

21. רָאָה Bu. רָאָה.

רָאָה †] is of ambiguous meaning: the $\sqrt{}$ occurs otherwise in OT. only in בְּהָרָה, a *bright spot* on the skin, Lev. 13-14 †. [But elsewhere two opposite meanings occur: *bright*, and *dark*, *dull*, *obscure*.] (a) in Arab. *bahara* is properly (Lane, 265) to *overcome* (iii. to contend with, and overcome, another for glory, superiority, or excellence; viii. to *arrogate* a thing to oneself falsely), then to *surpass*, *excel*, in beauty, knowledge, goodness, etc. (abs. the moon *surpasses* the stars (*sc.* in brightness), and the *surpasser* is a term for the moon, as outshining the stars (*ib.* 266a)), and, lastly, to *shine*, as "the cloud *shone brightly*"; (b) Eth. [with metathesis] ለፍፍ: (common) is to *be bright* or *shine* (Di. Lex. 499f); (c) in Syriac, the $\sqrt{}$ itself is not quoted, but ܒܪܬܐ is *fuscus*, *maculosus*, of colours, lux *subobscura*, and then of an *obscure* rumour, or hint, ܒܪܬܐܢܐ is *obscurely*, = ἀμυδρῶς, of light, ܒܪܬܐܢܐ, *obscure*, *uncertain* (of knowledge), Ephr. i. 462; ܒܪܬܐܢܐ is *twilight* (the knowledge of men compared with that of angels is like the *twilight*); ܒܪܬܐܢܐ is the *twilight* before sunrise, but it also denotes lux *ortus*,

splendor, Ephr. iii. 15 (פְּבוֹסִי, and derivatives, in the sense of *to glory, boast* = καυχῶμαι, are common); (d) in ℣ rare; only בְּהָרָא, בְּהָרָתָא = בְּהָרָת, and בְּהָרִי, ℣² here [where בְּהָרִי means *clear, bright*] וְהִשְׁתָּא לֹא אִסְתַּכְלוּ בְּאוֹרֵיתָא אֲתַעְבִּידוּ שְׁמִיָּא בְּהָרִי מִן לֵאחֲתָא טָלָא וְהִשְׁתָּא לֹא אִסְתַּכְלוּ בְּאוֹרֵיתָא אֲתַעְבִּידוּ שְׁמִיָּא בְּהָרִי מִן לֵאחֲתָא טָלָא, [though in the related passage in NH. in] Ta'an. 7^b (Levy, *ChWB*, and *NHWB*) [בְּהָרִי is used of the *dark* rain-clouds]: אֲפִילוּ בִשְׁעָה שְׁעָנִים עוֹמְדִין בְּהָרִין בְּהָרִין לְהוֹרִיד טָל (ed. (שְׁהַרְקִיעַ נַעֲשֶׂה בְּהוֹרִין בְּהוֹרִין. [In the present passage, if 21^b is in place the meaning *obscure* is rather indicated by the parallel לֹא רָאוּ.] Wr. Sgf. Be.^T proposed בְּהָרִי הוּא for בְּהָרִי, [producing the abnormal rhythm 3 : 2 for the normal 3 : 3 of ℣].

22. [זֶהָב] cannot be right, in spite of Del.'s attempt to explain it (in its literal sense) on the ground that the N., according to the ancients [Del. cites Herod. iii. 116; Pliny, *HN* 6¹¹ 33⁷], was specially the region of gold; and that the meaning is: men can bring gold out of the darkness of the mysterious North, but upon God is terrible majesty (the argument being like that of 28^{1. 6}): but there is here no real antithesis between the two ideas contrasted. AV. renders *ff* correctly *gold*: the Revisers, seeing this was out of the question, but not feeling at liberty to emend the text, give the impossible paraphrase *golden splendour* (cf. *ἄ* in *Æschylean* language, worthy of a better cause, *νέφη χρυσταυγοῦντα*; cf. Soph. *O.C.* *χρυσταυγῆς κρόκος*): change a letter (זֶהָב for זֶהָר, Grä. Che. Du. Be. Honth. St. Bu.²: see Ezk. 8² and Dn. 12³ זֶהָרִי בְּזֶהָר הִרְקִיעַ †), and we get the sense which the Revisers vainly struggled to obtain.

[יֵאֵתָה] 3²⁵ 16²² 30¹⁴.

[עַל אֱלֹהֵי נֹרָא הוּר] “upon God majesty is terrible.” We should expect הוּר נֹרָא “... is terrible majesty,” and so Bu. would read; but הוּר נֹרָא is more rhythmical, and in Heb. the effect of the unusual order has not the stiffness which it has in English. Di. compares Gn. 29² וְהָאֵן גְּדוֹלָה עַל־פִּי הַבָּאָר.

23. [שְׂדֵי לֹא מִצְאָנְהוּ] the *casus pendens*; Dr. § 197.

[שְׂגִיָּא] see on 36²⁶.

[שְׂגִיָּא כֶּח] these words halt after מִצְאָנְהוּ, and ^b is unrhymical. Bu. plausibly, כֶּח וְרַב צִדְקָה, שְׂדֵי לֹא מִצְאָנְהוּ שְׂגִיָּא כֶּח וְרַב צִדְקָה,

שניא כח ורב צדקה ומשפט לא יענה. Du. משפט צדיק לא יענה; [but the rhythm (4 : 3 (2)) in both Bu. and Du. is suspicious. Possibly we should retain 𐤒 (except יענה), merely changing the pointing of 𐤒 : לא יענה : רב צדקה ומשפט כח שניא (rhythm 3 : 3); the coupling of כח and משפט is a little strange, but by no means so strange as 'משפט ורב צ' in 𐤒 . In the context it is not difficult to understand משפט after יעות (see next n.) or יענה, if this be retained].

יענה] 𐤒 יסנה (elsewhere also for ענה, as Gn. 16⁸ 𐤒 , Is. 58^{3, 5} 𐤒 ; Syr. ܥܢܐ (common) is *laesit*, *nocuit*, *ἐβλαψεν*), 'Α κακουχῆσει; Rvm. "To judgement and plenteous justice he doeth no violence." ענה רין occurs in the Talm., though (to judge from Levy) in a peculiar sense, to "afflict," i.e. vexatiously interfere with, or wrong, the right of a condemned criminal by deferring his execution beyond the day originally fixed for it : אֵין מַעֲנִין אֶת רֵינוּ שֶׁל זֶה אֶלָּא מִמֵּיתִין אוֹתוֹ מֵיָד. Whether the expression was in use when the Elihu speeches were written is more than we can say : if not, יענה (as 8³ 34¹²) would be an easy emendation. Bi. Hfm. Be. יענה, *answereth not* (those who presumptuously question the justice of His rule); but the thought is inadequately expressed, besides being alien to the context.

24. יראוהי] *fear him*—as an established fact (the force of the pf.), though not necessarily universally (cf. 36^{24b} אשר שָׁרְרוּ אשר (φοβηθήσονται) 𐤒 express יראוהי, which is adopted by Bu. Du. St., though not in the freq. sense of the impf., but as = "should fear him." [With the similar sounding forms from the two different vbs. יראוהי (from ירא), יראה (from ראה), cp. 6²¹. 𐤒 φοβηθήσονται in both lines; 𐤒 also treats כל חכמי לב as subj. of the vb. in ^b; and it would be easy to read יראוהי in ^b; but, though 𐤒 is awkward, the distich so obtained, Therefore men (in general) fear him, (But) the wise in heart do not fear him, is certainly not to be preferred. Ehrlich: But (לְכִן = לְכִן) this, viz., what has been mentioned in ²³, (only) ordinary men see (יראוהי), the wise in heart see it (יראוהי) not.]

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

1. **מן**] [*out of*; Ehrlich, *after*, Hos. 6²].

מן | הסערה so Kit., with B. According to Baer (p. 53) and Gi. the Kt. reads as one word **מן | הסערה**, the Qrê as two words **מן | הסערה**. The same peculiarity recurs in 40⁶ Kt. **מן | סערה**, Qrê **מן | סערה**. The Qrê is, of course, correct.

2. **מי זה**] The rendering "Who is *this* that . . . ?" is here admissible, and more forcible than any other (*Lex.* 261a, 4b; cf. Is. 63¹).

בלי רעת] a short circ. cl. qualifying a subst., as Ps. 63² **ארץ בלי מים**; more commonly qualifying a verb (8¹¹; see *n.*).

3. **כַּנְבֵּר**] **כַּנְבֵּר**, like a mighty man (a warrior), **כַּנְבֵּר** (כַּנְבֵּר), **כַּנְבֵּר** MS (כַּנְבֵּר) Hfm. Bi. Bu. Be. Ben-N. **כַּנְבֵּר**, as in Ezk. 17¹⁰ **כַּנְבֵּר** for Ben-Asher **כַּנְבֵּר**, to avoid the juxtaposition of two similar aspirates: cf. Baer, *Job*, p. 63, and *Ezek.* p. 114, who cites Kimchi, *Michlol*, 90a, and Baer and Strack, *Dikdukê ha-té'amim*, p. 30. See also G-K. 21d. For **כַּנְבֵּר** (not **כַּנְבֵּר**), see on 13²⁸.

ואשאלך om. **ו**, with c. 60 MSS, **ו** Bi. Be. Bu. Du.; cf. 42⁵.

5. **ממדירה**] from **ממד**; cf. **מסב** (37¹²). [But Ehrlich suggests that it is the sing. (cp. G-K. 93ss) of Piel part. of **מדד** = **מדד**, and renders, What (מי, as Jg. 13¹⁷, or read מה as in Pr. 30⁴) is the name (שֵׁם) of him that measured it?]]

כי תדע] either *since thou knowest* (iron.), or (Del.) *if thou knowest* (cf. Pr. 30⁴ **כי תדע** שם בנו **כי תדע**); the impf. is no bar to either of these renderings, for it is often used of present knowledge: 11⁸ 37^{15, 16}, Pr. 27¹ 30³, Is. 58³, Hos. 13⁴, 1 K. 3⁷, Ps. 51⁵ 73²² etc. Di. Dav. Bu. Du. *that thou shouldst know*

(viz. through being present at the time); but the explanation is rather forced.

6. **וַיִּרְדּוּ** Gn. 31⁵¹ אִשָּׁר יְרִיתִי; cf. Dn. 7⁹ כִּרְסוֹן רָמִיו; [and for the expression *to cast, throw*, i.e. *to lay*, a foundation or a building, cp. in other languages *nadû uššê* (Del. *Assyr. HWB* p. 448 f.); **וַיִּסְבֵּל**, *foundation* (e.g. Mt. 13³⁵, 2 Macc. 2²⁹); *fundamenta jacere*; βάλλεσθαι ἄστυ].

7. **וַיִּרְעִי . . . בְּרֶךְ** Dr. § 118; G-K. 114r. [Ἐ ὅτε ἐγενήθησαν ἄστρα, ἤνεσάν με φωνῇ μεγάλη πάντες ἄγγελοι μου. Whether or not this is a "dogmatic correction" (Di.) to remove the inconsistency with Gn. 1^{14ff.}, it is self-condemned, like Me.'s **בָּרָא** for **בָּרַךְ**, by its destruction alike of the parallelism and poetry of **וַיִּרְעִי**.]

8. **וַיִּסְךְ** H Quis conclusit . . . ? whence Me. Wr. Bi. Bu. Du. Be. **וַיִּסְךְ** (וַיִּסְךְ), who hedged about . . . ? which, as ⁸ does not refer to the direct sequel of ⁶, is preferable, as well as more forcible. [Ehrlich **וַיִּסְךְ**, carrying on **וַיִּרְעִי** in v.⁷—a slighter change, but less probable.] **וַיִּסְךְ**, as 3²³ † (sq. **וַיִּסְךְ**; but the variant **וַיִּסְךְ**, 1¹⁰, sq. **וַיִּסְךְ**, is combined, Hos. 2⁸ †, with an accus.). [The corruption may, however, lie deeper: **וַיִּסְךְ**, *hedge about*, is not quite the word to be expected with *doors* (ct. "thorns" in Hos. 2⁸); the line unduly anticipates ^{10b}, and the repetition of **וַיִּסְךְ**, ^{sa. 10b}, betrays a poverty of language not lightly to be attributed to this writer. If the last two letters of **וַיִּסְךְ** be a dittograph, what remains closely resembles a good parallel to ^b, and we should perhaps read **וַיִּסְךְ** or (unless this can be treated as **וַיִּסְךְ**)—*when the sea was born*. But it is less easy to recover the beginning of the line, which should contain a question (cp. 4.¹² etc.). Be^K suggests, not very satisfactorily, **וַיִּסְךְ** for **וַיִּסְךְ**.]

וַיִּצָּא [בגיתו מרחם] when it burst out, *issuing forth* from the womb: the impf. qualifying בגיתו, just as 31³⁴ **וַיִּצָּא** פתח, and so capable of being rendered idiomatically by a ptc. [וַיִּצָּא, 40²³ (of Jordan), Ezk. 32² and in the Hif. (of an ambush rushing forth) Jg. 20³³. The occurrence of the word in Mic. 4¹⁰, Ps. 22¹⁰ † is doubtful. The bursting out (of waters) is no doubt the meaning of the n. pr. גִּיתָּהּ, and to burst out (with reference to waters) is

frequently expressed by יָסַד and derivatives (PS. 676 f.), and يَسْجَحْ جَانَحْ is used of water carrying away a bank, etc. Whether in Heb. the word was used by itself with reference to the bursting out of the foetus from the womb depends on the punctuation and interpretation of the ambiguous forms in Ps. 22¹⁰ (= נָוִי, Ps. 71⁶) and Mic. 4¹⁰.]

10. וְאֶשְׁבֵּר עָלָיו חֶקִי And I brake upon (or against) it my boundary,—חֶק being (as explained on 26¹⁰) a *prescribed limit* in space, i.e. a *boundary*, as in 14⁵⁻¹³ it is a *prescribed limit* in time; and *brake* being an allusion to the rocks and cliffs in which the mainland often abruptly ends (cf. ῥήγμα); so Ew. Del. Di. Bu. Du. ἔσ express חֶק; Di. Bi. Du. Be. חֶקִי (as Pr. 8²⁹ בְּשׁוֹמֵי לִים חֶקִי—where, however (see on 26¹⁰), חֶקִי need not mean more than *decree*). ἔ ἐθέμην δὲ ἀντὶ ὅρια, סָבַב חֶסֶם סֻמָּן יְחִי, י circumdedi illud terminis meis (יְחִי), י וּפְסַקְתִּי עָלָיו גְּזִירָתִי. The fig. is a bold one; and one wishes that the evidence were clearer that חֶק really expressed the idea of a *boundary*. Me. Wr., after ἔ (which may, however, only paraphrase), וְאֶשְׁבֵּר (cf. 14¹³: in this case, for עַל, cf. 13²⁶ כָּתַב עַל, Gn. 30²³ עַל); Be. (“fortasse”) questionably וְאֶשְׁבֵּר, and *I wrote* (*prescribed*), from Ass. and Arab. (*Lex.* 1009a). RV. *prescribed*, with marg. “Heb. brake”: but the two renderings are inconsistent: “prescribed” is not a legitimate paraphrase of “brake”: if “brake” with חֶק is deemed to be too bold a combination, the only alternative is to emend the Heb., and to read some word—such as וְאֶשְׁבֵּר—which may be fairly rendered “prescribed.”

11. וְאָמַר עַד פֹּה תָבוּא וְלֹא תִסֵּף Du. Be.^K om. תָּבוּא, Bi. St. וְלֹא תִסֵּף,—each *m. c.* But without תָּבוּא, וְלֹא תִסֵּף attaches very badly to עַד פֹּה; and the omission of וְלֹא תִסֵּף greatly weakens the force of the words spoken. It is monstrous to spoil a verse—and especially a fine verse—for the sake of supposed metrical requirements. [וְאָמַר might be omitted, leaving the rhythm 4 : 4 (7⁴ n.): then for the omission of an introductory וְאָמַר, לֹאמַר, etc., cp. 4^{17a}, 15^{23a} 17¹² 22²⁰.]

וְכֵן יִשֵּׁת בְּגִזָּת גִּלְדִּי Here there must be an error in

חק; for except by unsatisfactory artificial expedients no sense can be extracted from it. Ges. Hrz. Schl. Del. al. understood חק (cf. 14¹³ חק ותוכרני), and take ישיח impersonally (sc. הַיָּשִׁיחַ), *Thes.* 1400b “*hic ponant*, i.e. *ponatur* (sc. terminus, v.¹⁰ [חַק]), *superbiæ fluctuum tuorum*.” But חק is too far off to be reasonably supplied by the reader in thought, and the impers. ישיח is here exceedingly weak. Hi. takes פא as the obj.: “A ‘here’ doth one set against,” etc.; Ew. § 294^a (“perhaps”), and apparently Di.: “Here (= this place) will arrest the pride,” etc. (*Einhalt thun dem Übermuth* . . . ; to judge from the comparison of ישיח מן, 10²⁰ (but see *n.*), taken by Di. as elliptical for ‘ישיח יד ב’ lay (the hand) upon = arrest); but פה in either of these usages would be very un-Hebraic, and the sense *arrest* for ‘ישיח ב’ has no support elsewhere. Du. “And leave off” (lass ab: ישיח, as 10²⁰ (but see *n.*)) with the swelling of thy waves.” Qi. (Comm.) ופא ישיח ויִלָּחֶם בנאח גליך, apparently taking ישיח in the military sense of Ps. 3⁷, Is. 22⁷: “Here will the appointed boundary assail and resist thy waves.” Seb. Münster (1534-5), Et hic ponet (impetus tuus) elationem fluctuum tuorum; Coverdale (1539), and here shalt thou laye doune (cf. Münster’s *ponet*) thy proude and hye waves; Geneva Vers. (1568), and heere shall it (*i.e.* God’s decree and commandement, as v.¹⁰) staye thy proud waues; EVV., finely, “shall thy proud waves be stayed.” Ἐ ἀλλ’ ἐν σεαυτῇ συντριβήσεται σου τὰ κύματα, 𐤓 𐤍𐤕𐤍 (? rd. with Me. 𐤍𐤕𐤍, thou shalt break), 𐤕 Et hic confringes tumentes fluctus tuos, 𐤕 ובא חשי בניחנות גליך. Hence (after 𐤕𐤕) Ew. ‘יִשְׁבֵּר גִּלִּי, shall be broken (or יִשְׁתַּח, Jon. 1^{11, 12}); so (יִשְׁבֵּר) Wr. Bāthg.; Bi. Bu. Be. Honth. St. ‘יִשְׁבֵּת גִּלִּי, shall cease (יִשְׁבֵּת for יִשְׁתַּבּ 𐤕). Either of these yields an excellent sense: for יִשְׁבֵּר, cf. Lv. 26¹⁹ ויִשְׁבֵּר אֶת גִּאֲוֹת עֹמֶם; for יִשְׁבֵּת—or, more forcibly, יִשְׁתַּח—Is. 13¹¹ וְהִשְׁבַּחְתִּי גִאֲוֹת זֵדִים, Ezk. 7²⁴ וְהִשְׁבַּחְתִּי גִאֲוֹת עֹמֶם (30¹⁸ 33²⁸ with וְהִשְׁבַּחְתִּי); and so, by legitimate means, we obtain the sense, not materially different from that which EVV. obtained by illegitimate means, And here shall the pride of thy waves be made to cease,—פה for פה only here, and doubtless only a *lapsus calami* for it. Ἐ ἐν σεαυτῇ, as Be.^K saw, expresses בָּכָה misread as בִּכָּה; but this can hardly be the original reading; for (1) the repetition

of the same word פֶּאֶ is much more forcible; and (2) בָּכָה for בָּה is dubious: it occurs only 1 K. 22²⁹ (twice), where the sense is not *here*, but *thus* (*in this wise . . . in that wise*), and where the || 2 Ch. 18¹⁹ has בָּכָה . . . בָּכָה, as can hardly be doubted, rightly.

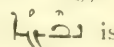
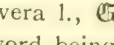
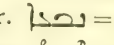
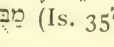
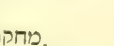
12. [הַמִּיּוּד] for the idiom (= since thou wast born), see 1 S. 25²⁸, 1 K. 1⁶; and cf. on 27⁶. Θ ἡ ἐπὶ σοῦ συντέταχτα (צוּתִי) φέγγος πρωϊνόν; where, according to Bi. Be., ἐπὶ σοῦ = כְּפִיךָ; but ἐπὶ with a gen. is a common Greek idiom for *in the time of*, e.g. ἐπὶ Κύρου, ἐπ' ἐμοῦ, ἐφ' ἡμῶν, etc.

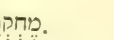
[יִדְעָתָה שָׁחַר] in poetry the Kt. יִדְעָתָה שָׁחַר is preferable to the Qrê יִדְעָתָה שָׁחַר. The Pi. יִדַּע only here; perhaps (Bu.) to be read in Ps. 104¹⁹ שָׁמַשׁ יִדַּע מְבוּאוֹ.

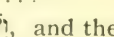
13. [רְשָׁעִים] an עֵין תְּלִיָּה—one of the four *litteræ suspensæ* (the others being v.¹⁵, Jg. 18³⁰ מִנְשָׁה, Ps. 80¹⁴ מַעִיר)—probably due to the fact that the scribe of the standard MS wrote by error רְשָׁעִים; the ע was afterwards inserted above the line, and when copies were made the peculiarity of the standard MS was scrupulously reproduced (cf. G-K. 5n; or, more fully, Ginsburg, *Introd. to the Heb. Bible*, p. 334 ff.).

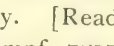
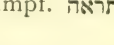
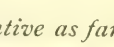
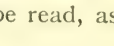
14. [וַיִּתְצַבּוּ] viz. objects on the earth. Be., cleverly, וַיִּתְצַבּוּ or וַיִּתְצַבְּעוּ, and it (the earth) is dyed (cf. צָבַע, Jg. 5³⁰; צָבִיעַ, *variegated*, Jer. 12⁹ †) like a garment: in the light of day the earth appears, as it were, draped in the marvellously varied hues of foliage and flowers (so Bu.). Of vv.¹²⁻¹⁵ Hfm. (and following him Sgf. Du. Che. Be.^T Vo.) omits 13^b and 15; and Du. Che. Be. Vo. 14^b as well for the sake of the tetrastich—Du.'s view being that the original tetrastich consisted of v.^{12a}. b. 13a. 14a, v.^{13b}. 14b. 15a. b being a tetrastich written originally on the margin, which afterwards found its way into the text (in 14^b Hfm. Du. Be. Honth. read לְבִישׁ for לְבִישׁ, “and they stand there as if ashamed (*wie zur Schande*)” with their faces, viz., reddened in the crimson glow of sunrise, after which they quickly vanish into darkness, 15a. But 15 upon this interpretation does not follow 14^b well; while at the same time (Di.) 13a. 14a assign a very poor purpose for 12). The ground for these excisions is that at the Creation no wicked yet existed. But, as Bu. remarks, the reference is not to the Creation, but to any day

in human history, even (v.¹²) within Job's lifetime, in which the light of day is represented as having this wonderful moral effect of purging the world from the godless.

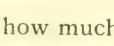
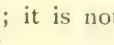
16. [נבכי] etymology unknown (Arab. *nābik* is a *lofty place*; *nabakat^m*, a *hill with a pointed top*; *intabaka*, to be *lofty*;  is *erupit*, *orsus est*, *evasit*, of *light*, *flowers*, etc., and  is *surculus*, *virgultum* βλαστός (PS. 2265 f.); but these words throw no light on the etymology of [נבכי]; but, si vera l., &  seems to express the right meaning. The word being doubtful, Bu. suggests, very plausibly, נבכי (cf. Syr.  = , *flowing springs* (cf. נחל נבכי, Pr. 18⁴); Che.  (Is. 35⁷ 49¹⁰).

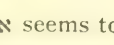
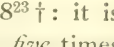
[מחקרי] = *range*: see on 11⁷; and cf. Ps. 95⁴ .

17. [ושערי צלמות] &  δὲ ἄδου = 'ושערי צ', and the *gate-keepers* of darkness,—adopted by Du., to avoid the repetition of the same word 'שערי': "though we hear nothing of the nature of the beings who guarded the entrance to שאל, 'gates' necessarily presuppose gate-keepers." [The repetition of the same term is certainly improbable here; but accidental repetition may have extruded some other term synonymous in meaning, but quite different in form from שערי; cf. 8^{3 n.}]

[תראה] &  σε ἑπτηξαν; apparently a double reading  and  (יראו)—the ת dropped by haplography. [Read  or —either a good parallel to נגלו לך: the impf. תראה is scarcely suitable.]

18. [התבוננת ער] hast thou *shewn thyself attentive as far as, even to* . . .? But, perhaps, על (= אל) should be read, as 31¹, Ps. 37¹⁰ (so Bu.).

[כלה] &  τίς ἐστιν, whence Du. Be. , "how much it (the earth) is." But the change is unnecessary; it is not apparent why כלה (Du.) "klingt ziemlich kindisch."

19. [הדרך] Be. Bu. , and so ²⁴; but  seems to have been idiomatic: see 1 K. 13¹², 2 K. 3⁸, 2 Ch. 18²³ †: it is not likely that dittography should have taken place *five* times in the same expression.

20. **תקחני** Be.^K תִּקְחֵנִי. *Ἐ εἰ ἀγάγεις με*; and so Me. Sgf. חֲקֹנִי (Oo. (תִּקְחֵנִי): a fine piece of irony. But **חֲקֹנִי** is more probable; and also, as Bu. observes, more forcible.

תְּבִינִי occurs in 28²³; but probably Hfm. (תִּבְנִי), Du. Bu. Be. are right in reading תְּבִינִי, || תקחני to.

21. **רבים**] by attraction to יָמִיד: cf. 21²¹ and G-K. 146a.

22b. **וְאוֹצְרוֹת**] [the repetition is improbable (cf. 8³ n.): the lost term was perhaps מְזוּי (37⁹ n.)]. Du. וְאוֹצְרֵי, *treasurers* (Schatzmeister), for the same reason as וְשֹׁעְרֵי in 17. But the point here is Job's seeing the *treasures*, not their *treasurers*.

23. **קָרָב**] Ps. 55²¹ 68³¹ 78⁹ 144¹, Zec. 14³, Qoh. 9¹⁸† (in 2 S. 17¹¹ rd. with **קָרָבָם**). The common Aram. word for *war*.

24. **הוֹדִיד**] see on 17.

אוֹר] light has been dealt with in 19; even lightning (which **אוֹר** denotes in the Elihu speeches) is mentioned in 25^b; **אוֹר** seems consequently out of place here. Ew. (*Die Salom. Schriften*, p. 252), Me. Bi.¹ Wr. St. Bu. רֵיחַ; Hfm. Bi.² Du. (see the next note), Honth. אַר, *mist* (36²⁷); Sgf. כָּפֶר, *hoar-frost* (after *Ἐ πάχνη* (see 29^b); cf. Sir. 43¹⁹ καὶ πάχνην ὥς ἄλα ἐπὶ γῆς χέει = (marg. יִשְׁפֹּף יִשְׁבֹּן); Be. קִיטוֹר, *steam* (after *Ἐ πάχνη* in Ps. 118 (119)⁸³). Of these suggestions רֵיחַ, agreeing with the || קָרִים, is the most probable; **אוֹר** is palæographically easier; but neither this, nor כָּפֶר (which in addition comes in 29), nor קִיטוֹר (Gn. 19²⁸, Ps. 148⁸ 119⁸³†), has the importance of wind (which, moreover, is not likely to have been omitted in the questions put to Job, and which agrees also best with יִחַלֵּק [cp. En. 41⁴ 60¹²], as well as with the || קָרִים).

יָפִין Rd. probably יָפִין הַפִּיץ is always *causative*, except here, Ex. 5¹², 1 S. 13⁸ (read in each יָפִין).

קָרִים] Du., objecting that the “wind” is here out of place (?), and that the way of the “east wind” is known, declares that קָרִים, “cool (water),” of *fine* or *drizzling* rain (“Sprühregen”), for קָרִים is “necessary”; he thus (with אַר and יָפִין, *trans.*) gets, “Where is the way by which the mist is parted, (And) diffuses fresh water on the earth?” the allusion being to

“the refreshing fine rain, which in summer the morning mist brings with it, when it is dispersed.” But קרים (*sc.* מים) does not seem a good expression for *fine* rain; nor do Jer. 18¹¹, Pr. 25²⁵ (מים קרים) show that קרים alone would be used for cool water. And as Du.’s objections to רוח do not seem decisive, קרים is no longer a necessary emendation. [Honth., following Du. in ²⁴, transposes vv. ²⁴ and ²⁵. Retaining אור in ^a, Richter proposes קרנים (cp. Hab. 3¹, and the vb. in Ex. 34²⁹)—scatters the rays over the earth.]

26. [לא איש] see on 12²⁴ בחרו לא־דרך (G-K. 152*u*).

27. [שָׂאָה וּמִשָּׂאָה] see on 30³.

[וְלִהְצִמִּיחַ מִצֵּא דֶשֶׁא] and to cause the place where young grass cometh forth to sprout: מוצא דשא, like מוצא מים, and (implicitly) מוצא כסף, 28¹. But the v. is much improved by reading with Wr. (so Bu. Du. Be.^T) צִמָּא for מִצֵּא (note the || to שָׂאָה וּמִשָּׂאָה): and to make *the thirsty land* (Is. 44³ RVm.) sprout with young grass (הצמיח, with a double accus., as Ps. 147⁸ המצמיח הרים חציר). Be.^K St. מִצְיָה, *out of the dry ground*; also a good suggestion.

28. A beautiful verse, rejected, however, by Bi.² Du. Che., partly as tautologous with ²⁹, and partly as not fitting into ²⁵ (which, however, refers not to ordinary rain, but to the down-pour in a thunderstorm), and (?) the scheme of the tetrastichs.

ל אגלי טל] Ἐ βώλους δρόσους; ΣΤΥ all drops. This must be the meaning; but the etymology is obscure. Arab. *’ajala* is to *confine* or *restrain*, e.g. cattle from their pasture (Lane, 25), ii. *congregant, collegit*; *ma’jal, stagnum, piscina* (Freyt.); אָגַל ? = drop as a small quantity of fluid, *collected together*.

30. [כאבן מים יתחבאו] “like stone are the waters hidden,” “as (with) stone (G-K. 118*s*) are the waters hidden” (RV.), are both unsatisfactory; “hide themselves (and become) like stone” is forced; “are solidified (*sich verdichten*; RVm. *are congealed*) like stone” (Di. Del.) gives יתחבאו a meaning which it does not possess. These difficulties are removed, and justice is done to the words used, if with Me. we suppose the two verbs to have become accidentally transposed [cp. Is. 2^{3L} = Mic. 4^{1f.}; *Forms*, p. 296], and accordingly interchange them;

we then get, "Like stone the waters *cohere together* (poet. for *freeze*: lit. *take hold of* or *grasp one another*: cf. 41⁹ †, of the scales of the crocodile, וְיִתְלַכְדוּ וְלֹא יִתְפָּרְדּוּ; and הִתְלַקַּח, Ex. 9²⁴, Ezk. 1⁴ †), and the face of the deep *is hidden*" (viz. by the ice forming upon it): so Bi.¹ Sgf., Bu. Hi. Hfm. Du., keeping the verbs as they are, take יִתְחַבְּאוּ as an alternative or dialectical form of יִתְחַמְּאוּ (denom. from חֲמָאָה, *curdled milk*) *are curdled*, or *coagulated*, if not (Du.) יִתְחַמְּאוּ is to be read: but this is precarious; and does חֲמָאָה, *leben*, curdled milk (see on 20¹⁷) coagulate in a manner at all resembling ice?

31. [הַתְּקֶשֶׁר] in Is. 49¹⁸ קֶשֶׁר (|| לִבְשׁ) means *to bind on*, *engirdle oneself with* (cp. קְשׁוּרִים, *sashes*): hence Me., Wilt thou engirdle thyself with the beauty of the Pleiades: "the Pleiades are the delightful girdle which engirdles God, not Job." But the idea is not a good parallel to that of ^b, and קֶשֶׁר being here || to פָּתַח is rather *to bind fast* (cp. 39¹⁰ 40²⁹—Qal), *to bind up*, *fasten*; cp. קֶשֶׁר, *a knot* in P.B.H.]

[מַעֲדָנוֹת] the same form, מַעֲדָנִית, recurs in מ, in 1 S. 15³² †; in 1 S. the word has been variously explained as meaning (1) *voluptuously* (EV. "delicately"), so T'A: "not probable in view of the context" (Dr. *ad loc.*); (2) *in fetters* (so Qi.); and, pointing מַעֲדָנִית, (3) *totteringly*: "so Sm. Now. Dh. Ehrlich, probably rightly" (Dr. *ib.*). Thus the passage in Sam. can at best lend a very dubious support to any theory of the meaning of the present passage. And the Massora notes that in 1 S. 15³² and here מַעֲדָנוֹת has different significations. As to the present passage there are two main theories: (1) that מַעֲדָנוֹת means *delicacies*, *dainties*: this would be the most obvious meaning of the word if the parallel and context really admitted it: cf. the masc. pl. מַעֲדָנִים, *dainties*, in Gn. 49²⁰, La. 4⁵, Pr. 29¹⁷ †, and, perhaps, Jer. 51³⁴ (though מַעֲדָנִי is otherwise pointed in מ); עֲדִינָה, *voluptuous*, Is. 47⁸; עֲדָנִים, *pleasures*, Ps. 36⁹ and, as pointed, Jer. 51³⁴. The *delicacies* of כִּימָה (commonly, though not universally, identified with the Pleiades) have been understood to be the fruits, or flowers, of spring, or the renovating influences of spring which produce them: so here Levi b. Gershon (A.D. 1326), who remarks מַעֲדָנִית שֵׁם מִינֵי תַעֲנוּנִים שֶׁם כִּי אִזּוּ יִתִּיר הַזֶּמֶן הָאֵילָנוֹת וְיִתְנוּ

פריס, and in the previous century Nachmanides had given as a minority interpretation האחה תקשר מעדנות פירות כזל כימה כי רצונו לקשר הפירות שהם המעדנים. Thence some of the 16th century versions: *e.g.* Oecolampadius (1532), "Num conjunges delitias Cimo," with the note, "septem stellæ sunt . . . aerem calidum pluviis temperant, et terram pulchris floribus ornant"; Seb. Münster (1535), "Numquid tu ligabis suaves influentias Pleiadum," whence the Great Bible (1539) and the Bishops' Bible (1568), "the sweet influences of the seven stars," and the Genevan Bible (1560) and AV. (1611), "the sweet influences of the Pleiades"; a note in the Genevan version runs, "which stars arise when the sun is in Taurus, which is the spring time, and bring flowers." Dr., in a printed but unpublished note, dated Oct. 22, 1882, after citing the above comments and versions, together with many others, observes "the heliacal rising of the Pleiades (*i.e.* their rising so as to be visible shortly before sunrise) is well known to have been noted by classical writers [cp. 9⁹ exegetical n.] in connection with spring, just as the setting of Orion at the same time was regarded as a signal of the approach of winter. And a comparison of the 16th century versions makes it clear that this is the sense to be attached to the first clause of our version [*i.e.* the AV.] . . . it does not, as is often supposed, allude to any astrological power exercised by the stars, but is a poetical figure expressive of the renovating influences that operate in spring." For another interpretation of מעדנות meaning delicacies, see last n. Nothing satisfactory resulting from this meaning, מעדנות is now commonly taken as equal to, or an error for, מענדות (cp. the vb. ענר in 31^{36a} and || to קשר, Pr. 6²¹): but this is then differently interpreted (1) as something consisting of separate units bound together, a cluster (RV.), or (2) as something bound upon a person, whether as an ornament, such as a necklace (Hi., who compares عقد, from عقد, similar in meaning to ענר), or, for purposes of restraint, fetters (cp. Ἑ δεσμὸν, ט שירי). The last seems preferable in the context.]

[מישבות] Be.^K מִקְרוֹת, substituting a known term for a ἀπ. λεγ., for a noun מִשְׁבּוֹת occurs here only; מִשֵּׁךְ is to draw, drag

along: cp. especially Is. 5¹⁸, Hos. 11⁴, to draw along (with cords); the noun מִשְׁכוֹת should thus mean either the things (cords, ropes, chains, etc.) which drag some one or some thing along; or the things which one draws along after one, such as an ornamental chain (so Ar. مِسْكَة, of an ornamental arm or foot-chain); but not very probably a *girdle* (Hi.). N. Herz (*JThS* xiv. 576) detects in מִשְׁכוֹת an allusion to Egyptian, such as some find in חֲמִשָּׁךְ in 40²⁵ (see n. there). In Egyptian the Great Bear is depicted as the haunch: Herz cites from the Book of the Dead as cited in Brugsch (*Thesaur. Inscr. Aegypt.*, p. 122), "As regards the msxt constellation, it is the haunch (χps) of Typhon, it exists in the northern sky." This, as well as the suggestion that כִּמְלִי as a Hebrew term for a constellation means not *fool* but *haunch* (cp. כִּמְסִל), would be more acceptable, if Herz's efforts to derive עֵישׁ (equated with Sirius) and כִּימָה also from the Egyptian could be considered successful.]

32. מִזְרוֹת †] [the following בעתו suggests that מ' is the name of a single star or constellation rather than (as the plural might indicate) of several separate and distinct stars, though even this is not conclusive for the suffix might have a distributive force (G-K. 145^l, *m*)—the *Mazzaroth*, each in its season; cp. Σ (cp. Σ^H = 'A) τὰ σκορπισθέντα κατὰ καιρὸν αὐτοῦ ἔκαστον. From the present passage little else can be inferred. Identifications rest, therefore, on etymological speculations. Ibn Ezra (on 37⁹; cp. Hoffm. in *ZATW* iii. 108) equates מזרות with מוֹרִים (37⁹ n.), itself very doubtful and obscure. In recent times a more popular equation has been with מוֹלֹת in 2 K. 23⁵ (cf. there, as Θ here, Μαζουρωθ: Τ here מוֹלִיָּה); but מוֹלֹת is also uncertain, some translating *the planets*, others *the signs of the zodiac* (Ges. *Thes.* 869; RV. margin); in Rabbinic Hebrew the word is used with both meanings (Levy, *NHWB*; Burney on 2 K. 23⁵ and in *EBi.* 4782 f.). U here *Lucifer* (with *Vesper* for עֵשׁ): cp. the explanation of מזרות as = מוֹהֲרוֹת (*plural*) = Ar. المجره = Venus (*singular*!). Others (Mich. Ew.) again make מזרות = מְנוֹרוֹת, and cp. נֹר, a *crown*: hence Corona Borealis, or both the Northern and the Southern Crowns. S

וַיִּשָּׂא, the Wain, as = the great or little bear. All most uncertain].

[עִישׁ עַל בְּנֵיהּ] if = 'Ayish *with* her children, cp. the use of עַל in Gn. 32¹², 1 S. 14³²: *Lex.* 755^b.]

[תָּנַח] so תָּנַח, 'עִישׁ עַל ב' being a *casus pendens*. Other possible pointings are (1) תָּנַחַם; עַל is then *for* (the loss of): cp. 1 Ch. 19², Jer. 16⁷: (2) תָּנַחַם, but תָּנַח in the sense *to give rest to, bring to a resting-place*, is elsewhere construed with ל, and is commonly used only of the settlement of the Israelites in Canaan (Ex. 33¹⁴, Dt. 3²⁰ +): otherwise as an antithesis to חוּצִיָּה it might be considered.]

33. הִידְעָתָּ [Du. Be. הִידְעָתָּ (v.¹²): but (Bu.) this is against both the order of the words and the bare חָקוּת; we should expect, if that were the sense intended, הִידְעָתָּ שְׁמִים חָקוּתֵינוּ.

[מִשְׁטָר] The שְׁטָר, elsewhere in Heb. only in שְׁטָר, Ex. 5⁶ etc., which denotes plainly some kind of subordinate official, employed partly in the administration of justice, partly in the maintenance of civil order and military discipline; and in a fig. sense, Pr. 6⁷ (see Dr. on Dt. 1¹⁵); but the etymological sense is uncertain. In Ass. *šaṭāra* is to *write* (Del. *HWB* 651 f.); in Arab. *ṣaṭara* is to *write*, to *rule* (a book); *ṣaṭr* is a *line* (of writing), a *row* (of trees, buildings, etc.); and *miṣṭaraṭ*^m is an instrument for *ruling* a book (Lane, 1357 f.). [The Sabæan *str* is an *inscription* (*CIS* iv. 99¹⁰): in Syr. ܣܬܪ is a *hand-writing*, or *deed*.] If the sense of שְׁטָר was to *write* (as in Ass.), שְׁטָר will have meant properly, *writer, registrar*; but if the primary sense of the שְׁ was to *range in order* (Nöld. *Gesch. des Qorans*, p. 13), and this was retained in Heb., שְׁטָר will have meant *arranger, organizer*, and so we get for מִשְׁטָר here the sense of *ordered arrangement*, or, briefly, *rule*. [But Schwally in ed. 2 of Nöld. *Gesch. des Qorans*, p. 16, traces back the Arabic and Syriac words cited above without doubt to the Assyr. *šaṭāra*, to *write*; the Heb. שְׁטָר he also regards as derivative from Assyr., and compares the "nicht ganz sicher zu deutende" מִשְׁטָר.] F. Del. *sein Sternenzelt*, or, as we might say, *its starry canopy*, from Ass. *šitir šame*, the *writing of heaven*, i.e. the starry firmament (*Comm.* p. 170; *HWB* 652^b).

cf. 187^a); but this is far-fetched, and בארין על הארין rather than בארין would be expected. [The sing. suffix in משטרו refers to שמים (pl.) regarded as a ruler (so Di. after Ew. 318^a; Ehrlich: משטרו; preferably, if conjecture is resorted to, we might read מְשַׁטְרֵי אֶרֶץ משטרו being a synonymous parallel to חקות.]

34. וּשְׁפַעַת מִיָּם תִּכְסֶּךָ exactly as 22^{1b} (though there in a fig. sense); cf. also Is. 60⁶ שְׁפַעַת גְּמִלִים תִּכְסֶּךָ. Ἑ (ὑπακούσεται σου) תַּעֲנֶךָ; so Bi.¹ Du. Be. Che. St. Bu. This undoubtedly agrees well with ^a, and תִּכְסֶּךָ may be due to a scribe's recollection of 22¹¹ and Is. 60⁶: on the other hand, Ἑ may also be a paraphrase; the use of the same expression in different passages of the same poet is not conclusive against its originality here—there are many cases in Homer, and an excellent one in Virgil; and, after all, the feature of the volume of water *covering* Job, in response to his (imagined) invitation, is finer and more effective than *will answer thee*.

36. בַּטְחוּת. [so 12⁶ where ב is radical, and Ps. 51⁸ where it has generally (but see Briggs, etc.) been taken to be the prep. Ἑ for הכמה ב' has γυναιξὺν ὑφ' ἰσμάτος σοφίαν, reading perhaps בטווח. Ἑ בכולין and Ὡ in visceribus hominis (cp. סִפְסַף) anticipate the subsequently dominant theory that טחוח both here and in Ps. 51 is a term for the reins or inward parts of men, as something that is covered over or coated (√ טוח), viz. with fat (Ibn Ezra on Ps. 51). Since Schultens, many, on account of the context, have conjectured that here (though such a meaning is, of course, out of the question in Ps. 51) טחוח refers to some natural phenomenon, Schultens himself, comparing טל, to lose one's way, טלל, to carry away, proposed, *wandering motions* (e.g. of lightnings, thunders, rains); others, *clouds* (Eichh.), *dark clouds* (Hrzl. Hitz. Di. RVm. Peake, al.; cp. טלל, to be dark, with derivatives meaning darkness, and clouds), or *cirrus-clouds*, "which are wont, as with white, chalky plaster to overlay the blue heaven" (Du.: cp. טוח, to overlay). Unfortunately the parallel term is, if possible, even more uncertain; if, however, שכוי is an animal, טווח (Ἑ) may be an epithet (*the weavers*) for another, e.g. the spider—suggested though not adopted by Du.].

שָׁכַח] [if correctly preserved and punctuated and not a foreign (Egyptian: Hoffm.) word, the root is שָׁכַח = שָׁכַח: in Hebrew this appears only in (1) מִשְׁכָּחַת, which may mean *an object to look at*, and is used with reference to specific objects in Nu. 33⁵², Pr. 25¹¹, and of the imaginations (of the heart) in Ps. 73⁷, Pr. 18¹¹; and (2) the doubtful שָׁכַח of Is. 2¹⁶. In Aramaic, on the other hand, the root is in frequent use; שָׁכַח = Hebr. צָפָה, *to look out, keep watch*; consequently שָׁכַח might mean, like the Aramaic שָׁכַח (= צָפָה, e.g. ܬ Is. 21⁶), *watchman, observer*: hence it has been translated 1. *the mind*: as “*videns, imaginans, vel intelligens*” (Ges. *Thes.*); so ܬ (first rendering), ܫ (ܫܫܬ), Ibn Ezra, EV., Ges.; 2. *the cock*, as the watchman, or prophet, among birds: cp. *Rosh hash-Shanah*, 26a, “When I came to Tehum-Kēn-Nishraya, R. Simeon b. Lakish said that” the cock was there called שָׁכַח, *Wayikra Rabba*, c. 25: in Arabic the cock is called سَكَا: *ib.*, “in Arabic the prophet is called سَكَا”—all cited by Del. This translation is adopted by ܬ (second alternative), ܫ, Rashi, Del. (3) By giving to the noun a passive sense, which is, however, not so natural to the form, the meaning *something seen*, (celestial) *phænomenon* is obtained: so Schultens; and similarly or with reference to some specific phænomenon, Ew. (*Glanzgestalten*), Me. (*Lichtblitz*) Hi. and Bu. (*Luftgebilde*), Di. (*Wolkengebilde*), RVm. (*Meteor*), Du. (*the Aurora Borealis*)).

37. יִסְפֹּר] so, in the sense of *count*, Ps. 22¹⁸. The Piel may have an intensive sense to *count busily* or *exactly*; but more probably יִסְפֹּר, אִסְפֹּר should be read. Du.’s objections to “count” are hypercritical, and it is strange that Peake should attach any weight to them: the question is, of course, merely a rhetorical way of asking whether Job has that minute knowledge of the clouds, and of the laws by which^b they are employed for the production of rain, when³³ it is needed, which would enable him to regulate their movements and use. יִפְּשֵׁ, *spread out*, for יִסְפֹּר is thus quite unnecessary.

38. בַּעֲקָת] from יָצַק intrans., as 1 K. 22³⁵ וַיִּצְקוּ דָּם-הַפְּחִיזָה.

לְמִיזָה] lit. *into something cast* (of metal, 1 K. 7³⁷ מוֹצֵק אֶחָד; c. 37¹⁸ ptc. מוֹצֵק, פָּרָא מוֹצֵק), *i.e.* into a *compact mass*. Not as Du. [(see exegetical n.)].

ורגבים | 21³³ †. The line is short: Grimme, cleverly and neatly, ורגבים פרנקים ירבקו: so Bu.

איש באחיהו ירבקו | 41⁹ cf. | ירבקו.

39. חיה | חיה = *appetite*: see on 33¹⁸. Cf. Pr. 6³⁰ לְמַלֵּא נַפְשׁוֹ.

40. במעונות | Ley, Be.^K במעונותם, after *Ἐ ἐν κοίταις αὐτῶν*, though whether *Ἐ* read the sf., is more than we can say.

בַּסֶּכֶה | סֶכֶה is elsewhere a *booth*; for *covert*, *lair*, we have elsewhere סֶכֶה, Ps. 10⁹ (יֹאדָב בַּסֶּכֶה בְּאַרְיֵה), 76³ (סֹכֵנוֹ, of Yahweh, under fig. of a lion; || מְעֻנָּתוֹ ||), Jer. 25³⁸ עֹזב כִּנְפִיר סֶכֶנוֹ. Be.^K בַּסֶּכֶה (Gn. 22¹³), as Giesebr. in Jer. 25³⁸ סֶכֶנוֹ (as Jer. 4⁷), and Lag. Che. We. in Ps. 10⁹.

לְמוֹ | 27¹⁴ n.

אָרַב | 37⁸ † [in a different sense].

41. יָכִין | *provide*, as Gn. 43¹⁶, Ps. 65¹⁰ 78²⁰.

לְטֶרֶב | The raven, it has been urged, comes in unsuitably among the quadrupeds; its proper place would be beside the hawk and the eagle, 39²⁶⁻³⁰. Hence Wr. Bu. Be. לְעֶרֶב, *in the evening*, the whole v. now referring to the lion, a reference to the lion being supported further by the similarity of thought and partly of expression with 4^{10, 11}, Ps. 104^{20, 21} (especially 21^b with 41^b), and the punctuation לְעֶרֶב of *לֵא* being explained as due to recollection of Ps. 147^{9b} לְבִנֵי עֶרֶב אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאוּ. However (Bu.) מִי יָכִין suggests here a new beginning; the suffix in צִירוֹ can hardly refer back beyond כְּפִירִים לְבִיא; and the mention of the raven here is sufficiently explained by the similarity of the Divine action, in providing food for its young, as for the young lions, 39^b.

יִתְעוֹ | the young ravens, fed by their parent, are presumably in the nest: how then can they “wander” about? it is hardly probable that they are supposed to have left their nest, and so wander about for food on the ground. Bi. Bu., therefore, may be right in reading יִתְעֶה, the sg. referring to the parent-bird, and the plur. being due to the influence of the preceding יִשְׁעוּ: the raven (*NHB* 199) frequents desolate places, its food is there scanty and precarious, and it has to fly far and wide in search

of it. Be. יפּעו, referring to ילריו (Syr. to *bleat*, of sheep, but also used of children crying for their mother, PS. 3201, in Talm. also of human beings, *ChH B* ii. 280b; in OT. ביולרה אפּעה Is. 42¹⁴ †: not "Aram. for יפּעו" (Bu.), for there is no trace of an Arab. فعى (with ض, *Lex.* 821a; cf. on 4¹⁰): if we were sure that פעה was used of the cry of a bird, this would be better than יתעה.

לבלוי אכל the ל of norm or state, like לבטח, לבלי (*Lex.* 516a i); *in the condition of foodlessness*; לבלי, as 41²⁵, Is. 5¹⁴ חק לבלי חק † (cf. . . . לאין often in Chr.). Ἡ πλανώμενοι τὰ σῖτα ζητοῦντες, whence Du. לִבְקֹשׁ for לִבְלִי; then, with לערב (see above) in 41^a, and referring all to the lion, he completes the tetrastich (after ישועו) by reading (cf. Ps. 104²¹) הכפירים ישאנו לטרף יהעו לבקש אכל.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

I. הידעת Du. הִידַעַת (38¹²), as 38³³.

לֶרֶת] [The two words are rhythmically superfluous and have perhaps intruded here from ^{2b}]. Bi.¹ Bu.¹ Be.^K (with ?) St. om. עַת (dittogr.), removing the somewhat inelegant anticipation of עַת in ^{2b}; but Bu.², after Grimme, om. instead לֶרֶת, as a gloss on עַת, and in fact an incorrect one, עַת (with the masc. יְעָלִי) referring not to the time of the female's *bearing* (which follows in ^b), but to the time of heat in the male (Be.^K הַיָּדְעָה עֵשְׂתֵּרֹת (תִּתְּנָתָהּ מִי יִשְׁכַּבָּהּ Jer. 2²⁴ for (עַת לֶרֶת)). Du. הַיָּדְעָה עֵשְׂתֵּרֹת, “Lehrtest du Liebeslust die Steinböcke?” עַ, the peculiar expression used in Dt. 7¹³ 28⁴. 18. 51 † עֵשְׂתֵּרֹת צֶאֱנָךְ ||, שְׁנֵי אֶלְפִידִּי, where, however, it is far from clear that it means specifically “Liebeslust.” With the text as it stands, יְעָלִי, though masc. in form, must, of course, be supposed to be epicene, and to denote actually the female.

חלל inf. Po'lel of חול, as Is. 51² al.; and in the pass. 15⁷,
ולפני גבעות חוללת.

שמר] תשמר, to mark, observe, as $13^{27} = 33^{11}$, 1 S. 1¹², Zec. 11¹¹.

2. מְלֵא [תמלאנה, of completing a period of time, as Gn. 29²⁷; cf. in Qal, Gn. 25²⁴ (וימלאו ימיה ללדת), al.

Du. ויעדת, and *appointest*. וידעת

לְתַתָּהּ] G-K. 91f, where five parallels are quoted; add תַּתָּהּ, Ex. 35²⁶, Ezk. 34²¹.

3. [תפּלחנה rhyming with חשלחנה in ^b]. פּלח is to *cleave*, Ps. 141⁷; so פּלח, c. 16¹³ al. Here, if correct, the Pi. must have a causative sense, *cause* their young to *cleave open* (the womb); [cp. בּקע, of *hatching* eggs, Is. 59⁵]. But פּלח does not occur so elsewhere: and it is highly probable that (Ol.) תפּלחנה should

be read: cf. 21¹⁰; and the syn. חמילט, Is. 66⁷; מלט (of laying eggs), Is. 34¹⁵: ΘΣ διασώσεις αὐτὰ also presupposes the ט (תפלתנה).

חבליהם] [rather than *birth-pangs* (21¹⁷ n.: sing. חבל, Is. 66⁷), 'ח may here mean *fœtus*, like the Arabic حبل, and be from a sing. חבל. In any case the sense of pain does not regularly attach to the root even in Heb., for the vb. means simply *to be pregnant with* in Ca. 8⁵, Ps. 7¹⁵: so in Arabic حبل is *to be pregnant*; احبل, *to fecundate*; حبلی, *pregnant*. Cf. Barth. *Wurzeluntersuchungen*, 15; Schulthess, *Homonymie Wurzeln im Syrischen*, 25f. Ehrlich transfers ילדיהם to the end of the v., makes חבליהם the obj. of תפלחנה, and renders, they separate their own navel-cords—in which he sees the one wonder of the wild goats]. חבליהם (so 11 MSS) would be the correct form: but in the term. of 2nd and 3rd pers. pl. of verbs, and the pron. sf. of the same persons, the masc. form often appears: cf. 4 1¹⁴; and see G-K. 1350. Du. om. ילדיהם [which stands in ח, without adequate reason, before תפלחנה] as a (correct) gloss on חבליהם, rendering, they bow down, they cleave open (the womb). “The asyndeta in 3. 4^a strengthen the impression of care, security, and swiftness, which the description is intended to convey” (Du.). [The rhythm of 3 in ח is 3:2 (17¹⁴ n.); with the omission of ילדיהם it is 2:2: this, in Job very rare (19¹⁴ n.), rhythm may have been deliberately chosen to heighten the sense of swiftness.]

4. יחלמו] *are healthy*; Is. 38¹⁶ †, Hif. תחלימי. The Ethp. and Af. are common in Syriac in the senses *recover health*, and *heal*, respectively: see 2 K. 1² 8⁸, ܝܠܡܝܬ; ܝܠܡܝܬ, Hos. 5¹³, Jn. 5¹⁵.

יִרְבּוּ] [one MS^{Ken.} ילכו: cp. ܝܪܒܘ *pergunt*. For the meaning *to grow up*, see Ezk. 16⁷: it is common in Aram.; see in ܬ Gn. 21⁸ 25²⁷ 38¹¹, Ru. 1¹³ (all = Heb. גרל): Pael, Jb. 38²⁷ (= [להצמיח]).

בָּרָא †] *open field or country*; an Aramaism: Dn. 2³⁸ ܒְּרָא (= Heb. פתח השרה); and in ܬ בברא, 2 K. 10²⁴, Is. 42² (= Heb. בחון). [One MS בכר, ܝܐ *ad pastum*. AV. “with corn,” after

Seb. Münster (*frumento*) and mediaeval Jewish interpreters (see Wright and Hirsch) who gave to בר the sense it has, *c.g.*, in Ps. 65¹⁴ 72¹⁶. בבר or some other word in the line may be corrupt or intrusive; for the rhythm of מ is 4:3 (17¹⁴ n.). *CS* om. ^b; but this scarcely represents the original text.]

וּלְאָם שְׁבוּ לָמוֹ might, of course, mean *to them*; but more probably, perhaps, the ל is the reflexive ל (Lex. 516a), as 6¹⁹ 12¹¹, Ps. 80⁷ etc., “*sibi h. e. sui iuris esse volentes*” (Schult. *ap. Del.*); so Hi. Del.

5. שְׁלַח חֲפָשִׁי [שְׁלַח], as Ex. 21^{26f.} (לחפשי), Dt. 15^{12f.} 18, Is. 58⁶, Jer. 34^{9-11. 14. 16} of men.

עָרָר [†] the Aram. syn. of פָּרַח (עָרָר, Dn. 5²¹; 1:20). The word “may be derived from عَرَّ, to *flee in fear, flee away* (Labîd ²⁵); though more probably (D. H. Müller) from عَرَّ, ‘schreien,’ which is also used of the wild-ass, Amrualqais 4²¹, Zuhair 1²⁵” (Nöld. *Fünf Mo’allaqât*, ii. 75).

7. תְּשֹׁאוֹת loud shoutings, as Zec. 4⁷. See on 36²⁹.

8. יָתוֹר [†] as pointed, a rare nominal form like יָקוֹם (G-K. 85d): but it is far better to point (after Θ κατασκέπεται, 1:20, 1:21, 1:22, 1:23, 1:24, 1:25, 1:26, 1:27, 1:28, 1:29, 1:30, 1:31, 1:32, 1:33, 1:34, 1:35, 1:36, 1:37, 1:38, 1:39, 1:40, 1:41, 1:42, 1:43, 1:44, 1:45, 1:46, 1:47, 1:48, 1:49, 1:50, 1:51, 1:52, 1:53, 1:54, 1:55, 1:56, 1:57, 1:58, 1:59, 1:60, 1:61, 1:62, 1:63, 1:64, 1:65, 1:66, 1:67, 1:68, 1:69, 1:70, 1:71, 1:72, 1:73, 1:74, 1:75, 1:76, 1:77, 1:78, 1:79, 1:80, 1:81, 1:82, 1:83, 1:84, 1:85, 1:86, 1:87, 1:88, 1:89, 1:90, 1:91, 1:92, 1:93, 1:94, 1:95, 1:96, 1:97, 1:98, 1:99, 1:100, 1:101, 1:102, 1:103, 1:104, 1:105, 1:106, 1:107, 1:108, 1:109, 1:110, 1:111, 1:112, 1:113, 1:114, 1:115, 1:116, 1:117, 1:118, 1:119, 1:120, 1:121, 1:122, 1:123, 1:124, 1:125, 1:126, 1:127, 1:128, 1:129, 1:130, 1:131, 1:132, 1:133, 1:134, 1:135, 1:136, 1:137, 1:138, 1:139, 1:140, 1:141, 1:142, 1:143, 1:144, 1:145, 1:146, 1:147, 1:148, 1:149, 1:150, 1:151, 1:152, 1:153, 1:154, 1:155, 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rhythm]. Du. התקשרנו בעבות תלמי, "by the cord of his furrow," which also yields a good sense. Be. would read for the v. אחרין (or תלמים תלמים) עֲנָקוּ עֲבָת אִם יִשְׁדֵּר תִּלְמִים (עֲנָק, cf. Heb. עֲנָק, assumed to correspond to Aram. עֲנָקָא, *neck* (though not the usual word), Ps. 69¹ T al. and Talm., Arab. *'unq*); but the change of text is violent, and insufficiently supported by א (δήσεις δὲ ἐν ἰμάσι ζυγὸν αὐτοῦ, ἣ ἐλκύνει σου αὐλακας [= תלמים in 31³⁸; but the word may here be a paraphrase] ἐν πεδίῳ;) and ש (שָׁמַלְתָּ מִן הַיָּמִין וְיָמִינְךָ מִן הַשְּׂמָלָה), both of which in ^a, not less than in ^b, are strongly suggestive of paraphrase.

12. [כי ישוב] *that* he will, etc., the כי stating the obj. of the trust (Ew. § 336b; G-K. 117*h*). With the athn. וזרע, the Kt. ישיב must be read; and in ^b גרן will mean the contents of the threshing-floor (cf. Ru. 3² וַהֲנֵה הוּא אֶת־גֶּרֶן הַשְּׁעוּרִים): but the v. is very unevenly divided; probably the athn. should be put at ישוב, and ^b should read (or גרנך, or לגרנך, or גֶּרְנָה) וזרעך גרנך (either גרנך, or גרנה, or לגרנך). גֶּרְנָה avoids the repetition of the ג- . Be.^T ישיב, *bring back*, the object following in ^b: this may be right; ישיב (*sc.* וזרעך) would be more naturally said than ישוב. א here expresses אף (with ישיב).

13. [בנה] [if the section was part of the original text, read בנה followed by אם, as in ^{9f}]. In א, v.¹³ proves an exception to the otherwise unbroken rule that the sections treating of animals begin with an interrogative particle].

רִיָּיִם] *shrill* or *piercing cries*: if correct, a poet. name for the bird which emits them, the ostrich. Hfm. Bu. Du. Be.^K רִיָּיִם (cf. La. 4³ Qrê במדבר (רִיָּיִם). א τερπομένων (רִיָּיִם). 'A αἰνούντων, Σ ἀγλαῖσμου, ש פֶּסֶץ, V struthionis, T חרנגול ברא (38³⁶). Qi. AV. *peacocks*.

נעלסה עלם (not עלו, or עלין), as 20¹⁸ (Kal), Pr. 7¹⁸ † (Hithp.).

אם אברה חסידה ונצה] Is it a kindly pinion and feather? אברה, *pinion*, Dt. 32¹¹, Ps. 68¹⁴ 91⁴ †; אבר, Ps. 55⁷, Is. 40³¹, Ezk. 17³ †; נצה, *plumage*, Lv. 1¹⁶ †; נוצה, Ezk. 17^{3.7} †. In חסידה, [if

rightly read], there is doubtless an allusion to the bird called חסידה [Lv. 11¹⁹ Ps. 104¹⁷, Jer. 8⁷, Zec. 5⁹], *the kindly one*; the stork, so called on account of its affection for its young. Bu.¹ would make it named distinctly: **אם אֶבֶר חסידה ונצה**, Is it the stork's pinion and feather? (or rather: Is it a kindly bird's—with only an *allusion* to the stork—pinion and feather?). Bu.² thinks that Hfm. has “perhaps” seen rightly in reading (what he rejected in his first ed.) נַעֲצֵלָה for נַעֲלָכָה in ^a, and in ^b **אם אברה** חסידה ונצה, “Is the wing of the ostrich sluggish? (Nif., as Jg. 18⁹ †; נַעֲצֵל, often in Prov.), Or is pinion and feather lacking (to it), That she leaveth her eggs to the earth,” etc.? Does its wing move so slowly, or are its feathers so deficient, that it cannot itself defend its eggs, but must leave them on the ground, where (v.¹⁵) they are exposed to many dangers? חָסֵר in actual usage means only *in need of*; but חָסֵר means to *be lacking* (1 K. 17¹⁴), as well as to *lack* (be in need of), so that the adj. may mean similarly *lacking, deficient*. Ley, Be.^K (“perhaps”) נִקְלָסָה and חָסֵרָה: The wing of the ostrich is mocked (2 K. 2²³ *al.* Hithp.), Is (its) pinion and feather lacking? [Du., retaining חסידה in ^b, proposes נִלְוָה, *perverse*, in ^a: Ehrlich as Du. in ^a, but in ^b **אם אֶבֶר חסידה**, making חסידה mean *ostrich* (a view long since refuted by Bochart), and omitting ונצה as a gloss on אברה. Wr. retaining ^a, though translating it interrogatively, read in ^b **אם תאבר חסידה ונץ**.]

14. **תעזוב** [רננים] (if correct) being construed, according to its meaning, as a fem. sg. (cf. תהו construed as a pl. 1 S. 12²¹; נפיש, *person*, after an opening clause, construed as a masc., Lv. 2¹ 5^{1,2} etc.; Ew. § 318*b*—where, however, some of the examples are textually doubtful; cf. G-K. 124*b*, *n.*).

תחכים Be. Bu. תַּחֲכִּים. This is an excellent || to תעזוב [and expresses the obj. which in || must be understood]: at the same time, תחכם may stand; for the ostrich does sit upon the eggs.

15. **ותשכח** Bu. ותִּשְׁכַּח.

תִּזְכֹּרָה . . . **תִּזְכֹּרָה** the fem. suffix referring to the collective **בציה**. There are many cases of this, where the pred. is a *verb* (G-K. 145*k*): the cases are rarer, and not all textually

certain, where the fem. is a suffix (G-K. 135^p (where *dele*, p. 441, l. 2, as due to an oversight, "but previously תַּחֲמִים"); Kō. 348^g, *h*: thus 2 K. 3³ 13¹¹ 17²² ע has תַּחֲמִים, and probably the sg., in spite of ע's pl., should be read similarly in 13^{2.6}; 2 K. 10²⁶ Vrss. מַעֲבֶה; Is. 35⁷ rd. רִבְצָם: cf. on c. 6²⁰ 14¹⁹).

16. [הַקְשִׁיחַ Is. 63¹⁷ †. The masc. is, however, intolerable with what follows: rd. either (2 MSS, Hirz. Di. Be.^K St.) תַּקְשִׁיחַ, or (Ew. Di. alt.) הַקְשִׁיחַ (inf. abs.; G-K. 113^z). The perf. הַקְשִׁיחָה (Hi. Sgf. Du.) agrees less well with the impf. in 14.

לִלְלָהּ [לִלְלָהּ תַּקְשִׁיחַ can only mean "hardeneth (= useth hardly) her young ones (making them) *into* none of hers" (*Lex.* 519^b), לִלְלָהּ expressing the result of the action תַּקְשִׁיחַ. This might be the sense intended; but if it is thought that "useth them hardly *as if* they were none of hers," is more probable, then לִלְלָהּ must be read (so Oo. Be.^K); לִלְלָהּ (13²⁴ 19¹⁵ etc.), lit. *think into* (= *esteem to be*), is not a || for so rendering לִלְלָהּ תַּקְשִׁיחַ. לִלְלָהּ is poet. for לִלְלָהּ לֹא (G-K. 155ⁿ, *d*); cf. Hab. 2⁶ מְבַלִּילֹי הַמִּרְבָּה לֹא-לוֹ, who increaseth (what is) *not his*, and c. 18¹⁵ מְבַלִּילֹי לֹא לֹא לוֹ, לֹא לָכֵם, לֹא לָהֶם (Gn. 15¹³, Jer. 5¹⁹, Hab. 1⁶, where לֹא לָהֶם, לֹא לָכֵם, לֹא לוֹ are preceded by a *subst.*, are different).

בְּלִי פֶחַד [בְּלִי is properly a *substantive*, like אֵין; hence, followed by a gen., *naught of* . . .; and so here *naught of fear*! (There is) *no fear*! It is not, as in previous cases, joined closely to a *subst.* (38²), or *adj.* (33⁹), or *verb* (8¹¹), and so cannot, as there, be rendered *without*.

17. [בְּבִינָה the ב partitive; cf. 7¹³ 21²⁵.

18. כְּעֵת [בְּמָרוֹם חֲמִירָא (abs.) occurs here, Nu. 23²³, Jg. 13²³ 21²² (where, however, rd. עֵתָה). It has been rendered (1) *Now* (cf. בְּיוֹם); so Nu. 23²³ (Di. Gray), Jg. 13²³ (Moore); (2) *At the (right) time*, *zur Zeit* (עַתָּה κατὰ καιρὸν, E cum tempus fuerit; so Hi. Del. Di. here; Knob. Keil, Kuen. in Nu. 23²³); and (3), as = כְּעֵת אֲשֶׁר, *At the time when* . . . (Hirz. al.; Ew. § 337^c (*a*), and Comm. ("Wann sie einmal . . ."): so EVV. *What time* . . .); though it is better in this case to point כְּעֵת (Me. Du.): כְּעֵת is followed by an inf. (1 S. 4²⁰); and there is no reason why it should not, in poetry, like כְּעֵת (Jb. 6¹⁷ בְּעֵת יִרְבּוּ), be followed by an impf. This yields a satisfactory sense: there is no

point in *Now*, and *At the* (right) *time* is a doubtful rendering of בָּעֵת.

[במרום] Hi. Du. בַּמְרוֹץ, *in* (her) *running* (Qoh. 9¹¹ †); and for כַּעַת בְּמָרוֹם, Wr. Bu. Be.^K Honth. בָּעֵת בְּאֵ מָרִים, “At the time when archers (2 S. 11²⁴) approach.” But בְּמָרוֹם is far more picturesque; and it is gratuitous to change it: the “height” denoted by the word may vary with the context: though often used of the height of heaven, it cannot denote a very great height in Jg. 5¹⁸, Pr. 8² 9³; in Ps. 73⁸ it is said of proud men that they מָרוֹם יִדְבְּרוּ: a little hyperbole may also be reasonably granted to the poet: and surely the line, as it stands, gives a fine and true description of the great bird, taller than a man, bounding along at full speed, with its wings flapping vigorously, and taking gigantic strides,—it may be (*NHB* 237) of 22–28 ft.—and moving so rapidly that (Wood, *Natural History*, vol. on Birds, p. 647) its feet seem hardly to touch the ground.

[תַּמְרִיא] מְרִי is *ad vehementiorem cursum scutica aliave re egit equum* (Freyt., Hi. cites also Grangeret, *Anthol.* p. 42); here it may be rendered *spurs* (fig.) *herself*,—the wings flapping vehemently against the ostrich’s body in her flight being, as it were, the goad urging her on (Ges. *Thes.* “*Hiph.* de struthione, qui e nido exsurgens alarum plausu tamquam flagello, ad cursum se impellit”). [Be.^K weakly תַּמְרִיא.]

19. רָעַם [רַעְמָה] רַעַם is *thunder*; but that (in spite of AV.) is impossible here. Ges. *Thes.* conjectured for the √ the meaning *commotus est, tremuit*, which he adopted for Ezk. 27¹⁶ (רָעַמוּ פָּנִים); || (שָׁעָרוּ שָׁעָרָה), and also for Ps. 96¹¹ (= 1 Ch. 16³²), 98⁷ (*commotum est mare*); so Del. Di. (“Gezitter”) and RV. “the quivering mane” (with marg. “Heb. shaking”). The rendering of RV. is fine, and suggests a picturesque image; but unfortunately the sense is doubtful: it has no philological support; and noise, not movement, seems to be the idea expressed by רַעַם, רָעַם (Ezk. 27³⁵ rd. probably דָּמָעִי for רַעַמִּי). The VV. obviously guess: Ἐ φόβον (so Saad. *raʿab*, fear), Σ κλαγγήν, Θ χρεμετισμόν, S וּבִל, Jer. H *hinnitum*: Ἐ would suit, were the sense established; S is arbitrary; the other renderings do not suit תַּלְבִּיט. Honth. Be.^K עֲצֻמָּה, *strength*, forms a good || to נְבוֹרָה; Ἐ

תוקפא expresses the same sense, though it would be precarious to argue that the translator *reva* anything different from תפ.

20. [התרעישנו כארבה] הרעיש cannot mean "make to leap"; רעש is to *shake* (intrans.), e.g. of heaven, earth, nations, etc., shaking — through an earthquake (רעש), terror, or Yahweh's appearance, etc.; cp. רעש, of the *quivering* of a dart, Jb. 41²¹; of a horse eager to start, 39²⁴; here, therefore, seemingly of the *quivering* of eagerness and excitement as the animal leaps along. [Ehrlich: התעשינו כְּאַרְבֶּה, dost thou make him to smoke (cp. 41¹²) like a chimney?]

[הוד נחרו אימה] the subst. אימה by Dr. § 189. [Ehrlich, הוד (Ezk. 7⁷) for הוד]; Bi. Du. needlessly, הוד נִחְרָה אִימָה (cf. Jer. 8¹⁶ נִחְרָה נִסְחֵי סוֹסֵי), "(in) the majesty of (his) terrible snorting," [or the majesty, etc., if with Du., ^{20b} is placed after ^{19a} as a second obj. to התתן]. The transition from the interrogation in ^{20a} to description in ^{20b} in ה as commonly understood (e.g. RV. "the glory of his snorting is terrible") is in any case improbable. Bu. makes the whole v. interrogative by treating ^b as a circumstantial clause, and taking הוד as well as אימה as pred.—His snorting being majestic, terrible, i.e. with majestic, terrible snorting].

21. [יחפרו] Rd. with חפר, Di. Bu. etc. יחפר. Wr. Bi. Bu. Du. Be. Ehrl. place the ח at וישש (so ח). [With the meaning *to paw*, here only in the OT., cp. حافر, *hoof*.]

22. [לפחד] חל; so 3 MSS לפחת, "at the pit," adopted strangely by Be.^K.

23. [תִּרְנֶה] if correct, תִּרְנֶה † will be a by-form of תִּרְנֶה, of which there are traces in Arab. (Ges. *Thes.* s.v.); but possibly תִּרְנֶה should be read. [Scarcely תִּרְנֶה (fem. pl.: Ehrlich), for analogy before such a compound subj. requires the sing. (G-K. 146); Bu. Be.^K (?) תִּרְנֶה: but the art. is improbable.] The Arab. *ranna* (= רנ), to *utter a cry*, esp. a *plaintive* or *mournful cry*, is in ii. and iv. used of the *twanging* of a bow (Lane, 1164b).

[לִהב] [*Flashing* (point): cp. Nah. 3³, Jg. 3²²: להבה, 1 S. 17⁷. Bu. לִהב or לִהב, spear and javelin *flash*: but we should expect the impf.; Umbr. Ha. (cited by Di.) obtained the same

sense by taking the noun להב predicatively (cstr. according to Dr. § 189: cp. 20b].

24. ברעש ורגז רעש is not "fierceness" (EVV.), but (see on v.²⁰) *shaking, quivering* (Lex. 1127b), and רגז (see on 3¹⁷) is strong *agitation*, not necessarily "rage"; the two alliterative words denoting the violent trembling of the animal in its eagerness to start, and to take its part in the fray.

נמא [יגמא ארץ] Gn. 24¹⁷ † נא to *swallow*; Hif. Gn. 24¹⁷ † נא (NHIWB i. 339; cf. נמע ט, below, v.^{30a}). For the fig. cf. the Arab. التغم الأرض (cited by Ges. Thes. from Schultens), "*deglutivit equus terram*," and *lahim^{un}, lihamm^{un}, cito deglutiens*, as an epithet of a swift horse, "*equus haustor*" (*ib.*); and Catullus, 35. 7, "*viam vorabit.*" [On נמא נמא, see G-K. 7500, cp. 74d.]

ולא יאמין Rabb. EVV. Hengst. Dav. And believeth not that it is the sound of the trumpet, *i.e.* for joy believeth not his own ears when he hears it. But Ges. Ew. and moderns generally (so RVm.), And *standeth not still*, lit. *showeth not firmness*, understanding האמן in its primary, physical sense, which is still seen in Qal אמן, to *support* (bring up, nourish), אמה, a *foster-mother, nurse*; in Nif. to *be supported* (Is. 60⁴ ובונוחך על צר תאמנה), *confirmed* (Is. 7⁹ כי לא האמנו: see Lex. 52 f.); אמה, a *support, pillar*, 2 K. 18¹⁶; and in אמנה in Ex. 17¹² ויהי ידיו אמונה. It cannot, however, be said that this sense is altogether satisfactory; in particular, to *show firmness* is not quite the same thing as to *stand still*. Hence Bi. ימנע, *leteth itself not be held back*; Du. Honth. Bu., somewhat prosaically, ולא ימין ולא ישמאל, and goeth not to the right or to the left, —Du. then making a new distich בדי יער (ירקר) בי קול שופר, When the watch (Jg. 7¹⁹) calleth out, he stirreth himself up, As oft as the horn (soundeth) he saith, Aha! But "believeth not" is preferable to any of these alternatives. [Still it remains very improbable; בי קול שופר looks like a mere variant of בדי שופר: and it is possible to restore the succession of distichs not only by additions to the text such as Du. makes, but by the simple omission of 24b.]

[בי קול שופר] It is tempting (with the second sense of

יֵאָמֵן) to read בְּקוֹל (Bi. Bu.); but בְּ in a temporal sense (= *at*) is very rare except with an inf. (Is. 18⁵), or verbal noun (*Lex.* 454b, 3b), Is. 23⁵ being probably the only example. בְּקוֹל שׁ (Be.^K Bu. alt.) never occurs in the sense of “*at the sound . . .*”: but . . . לְקוֹל would be in accordance with usage (Nu. 16³⁴, Is. 30¹⁹, Ezk. 27²⁸).

25. בְּדַרְי elsewhere (in the sense here required) always מְדַרְי, *out of the sufficiency of* = *as often as*, sq. an inf. or subst. (Is. 66²³, Jer. 48²⁷; *Lex.* 191b); and this, no doubt, should be read. On the very frequent confusion between ב and מ in מ and מ and other versions, see Dr. Sam.² lxvii.

יִרְיָה Wr. Bi. Du. think the fig. unsuitable; and so Wr., with 1 MS, יִרְעֵי [rather יִרְעֵי], “And the battle sounds afar”; Du. (who objects in particular to the cries of the captains being “scented”) בְּרַעַ (36³³, Mic. 4⁹) for רַעַם: He scenteth the battle from afar, *at the shout*, etc. But the passage is not prose, but poetry; הִרְיָה is widely used in Heb. (v. on 14⁹); and רַעַם וְנָ is merely the further development of the idea of מִלְחָמָה. Cf. Pliny, *HN* 8. 42 (Bochart) “*Iidem præsagiunt pugnam.*”

26. מִבִּינְתָךְ] *from, out of, through thy understanding*: *Lex.* 580a, eb.

יִאֲבָרַךְ] *useth (or moveth) its pinions in flight*: denom. from אָבַר, pinion, v.¹³ n.; [not *plumescit*, F].

27. יִגְבִּיָּהּ = יִגְבִּיָּהּ עוֹף, 5⁷ (Di.); Jer. 49¹⁰ would suggest taking קָנוּ in ^b as obj., but this would be rather flat. Possibly the text is corrupt: see next n.]

רוֹכֵי] either (cf. ^a) = וְאֵם עַל פִּיךָ כִּי; or independently, *Or (is it) that . . .*: (cf. Is. 36¹⁹; c. 6²², 2 S. 9¹, Gn. 27³⁶; *Lex.* 472a). But the line is a little short: so St. Bu., plausibly, וְכִי יִבְּנֶה נִשָּׂר. Du. (who has to reduce the 10 lines ²⁰⁻³⁰ to two strophes of 4 each) omits יִגְבִּיָּהּ נִשָּׂר, and in ²⁸ (with Bi.) סָלַע, as glosses suggested by Jer. 49¹⁰, treats וְכִי as ditto-graphed from פִּיךָ, and carries on מַצּוּדָה (in the sense of prey) (Ezk. 13²¹) to ²⁹: he thus gets for ^{27f}. אֵם עַל־פִּיךָ יִרְיָה קָנוּ וְיִהְיֶה לָּךְ. (so Be.^K, except that he retains מַצּוּדָה where it is). [The excellent parallelism of Du.’s emendation contrasts with what appears to be faulty in מ: note the two parallel terms יִשְׁכֵּן

and יתלון in a single line : and again שן-סלע and מצודה in another, not to speak of the repetition of סלע and the awkwardness of ^{27b}. This at least is a better way of obtaining two quatrains than the omission of v.³⁰ (Bi. and ? Di.).]

29. [משם חפר אבל] Du. מצודה משם חפר (אבל added after מצודה, misunderstood to mean fastness, had been taken back to ²⁸).

[למרחוק] ³⁶³.

[חפר] as 11¹⁸.

[יביטו] the *masc.*, by G-K. 145^u.

30. [יַעֲלֶעֱ] no $\sqrt{\text{עלע}}$ is known ; but Syr. ܝܥܠܝܐ , ܝܥܠܝܐ , is to *lick* or *lap up*, ܝܥܠܝܐ Jg. 7^{5. 6. 7}, 1 K. 21¹⁹ (= Heb. יָלַץ), 4 Mac. 10¹⁷ יָלַץ = $\alpha\iota\mu\sigma\beta\acute{o}\rho\omicron\varsigma$; and Ob. ¹⁶ יָלַץ is to *gulp up* (or *swallow down*) : rd., therefore, either יָלַץ (Ges. Ol. Del. Di. etc.) or (Bu. alt.) יָלַץ .

CHAPTER XL.

2. [הרב עשידי יסור] according to מ, רב is inf. abs. taking the place of a finite vb. in an indignant question (cp. Jer. 3¹, G-K. 113cc), with its subject יסור † (a nominal form like גבור, נשבור following (G-K. 113gg), and separated from it by intervening words. For the last point, cp. Lv. 6⁷ הִקְרַב אֹתָהּ רְגוֹם אֹתוֹ בִּאֲבָנִים (but S הקריבו ו, (יקריבו): Nu. 15³⁵ רְגוֹם אֹתוֹ בִּאֲבָנִים. The VV. do not recognize this punctuation, but find in רב a noun (רב, κρίσις, Θ), a part. (רב, ὁ δικάζόμενος, Σ, דנצי, T), or an adj. (רב, מִצְרִי, Σ); and in יסור a verbal form (יסור, ἐκακλινεῖ, Θ, Υ conquiescit: Σ περιγενήσεται; T יסורי = ? יסור), or another nominal form (סור: סור, Σ). Ehrlich רב with יסור, *Is the contention . . . at an end* (סור, as Is. 11¹³).]

[יעננה] G-K. 135p.]

5. [אחת . . . שתיים] G-K. 134^r, s: cp. Ps. 62¹², and see on 33¹⁴.]

[ולא אענה] Et om. For אענה read אִעֲנָה (cp. 29²²): so Hitz. Di. Dr. Du. Bu. al.]

7. See on 38³.

8. **האף** cf. 34¹⁷.

9. כאל] for what should logically be כורע אל, acc. to a well-known Heb. idiom (*Lex.* 455a). So כמור קורו for כמורו.

10. גאון וגבה [Alliteration, as in ^b הוד והדר].

II. **𐤀𐤍**] for the form, see G-K. 84^b c.

11b-12a. $\mathfrak{E}$ $\pi\hat{\alpha}\nu$ δὲ ὑβριστῆν ταπεινώσον, ὑπερήφανον δὲ σβέσον. Du. remarks that 11^b and 12^a have in $\mathfrak{A}$, evidently through a mistake, the same beginning, while $\mathfrak{E}$ has a change: he would read, therefore, “naturally only at random (aufs Geratewohl),” וכל נאה השפילו: ראה נבה הכניעו.

12a. [הכניעוהו] 15 MSS. יָהּ (the renderings of $\mathfrak{U}$ do not show that they *read* the י), which would be better.

12b. [הִדָּךְ] Ar. *hadaka* is to *fall down* (of a building); cf. הָרַס, fig. Is. 22¹⁹, Ps. 28⁵. Still, the word is an uncertain one in Heb.: and Hfm. Bu. would read הִרָךְ, *crush*, from רָכַךְ, which is presupposed by דָּךְ, but does not occur elsewhere in Heb., and occurs only rarely (Levy) in $\mathfrak{T}$ (e.g. Jb. 4¹⁹ Pa., 34²⁵ Ithpa., Ps. 143³ Palpel), and there not in Afel. Gr. Du. suggest הִרָךְ—but only for those who are doubtful about the ἄπ. λεγ. הורך. הורך, however, is to *push aside* or *away*, and would agree poorly with חתם.

[תחתם] $\mathfrak{E}$ παραχρημα, —no doubt a paraphrase. Bu. תחתך, “and crush the wicked *under thee*”: suitable in itself, but unnecessary: תחתם in its idiomatic sense of *where they stand* (Ex. 16²⁹, Jos. 6⁵, 2 S. 2²³ שם וימה תחתיו Jer. 38⁹ תחתיו (rd. וימת and especially Is. 25¹⁰ וימת תחתיו) is very forcible.

13. [פניהם] [$\mathfrak{E}\mathfrak{S}\mathfrak{U}$ supply the conjunction—ופניהם].

חבש is used specifically of binding something round the *head* (e.g. Ex. 29⁹).

[טמון] Ehrlich בְּדִמֶן: in $\mathfrak{H}$ the last echoes the first word of the v.]

14. [גם] the נם *correlativum*: see *Lex. s.v.* נם, 4.

15. [הנה נא] 33² n.

[בהמות] $\mathfrak{E}$ θηρία, $\mathfrak{T}$ בעיירא; $\mathfrak{U}$ *behemoth* (and so $\mathfrak{S}$): if pl. of בהמה, an intensive pl. (G-K. 124e), meaning here (differently from Ps. 73²²) “a colossal beast” (Che. *EBi.* 519; Kön. *Wörterbuch*). No more satisfactory etymology has been suggested; it would not have been surprising to find here an Egyptian term; but the known Egyptian term for the hippopotamus (*rert*) has no resemblance to בהמה: and there is no evidence that the often cited *p-ehe-mou* ever existed. It is barely possible that the Hebrew term for hippopotamus was “Swine from, or of, the water”: *EBi.* 2073.]

[אשר עשיתי] $\mathfrak{E}$ omits; so Me. Bi. Sgf. Du. Be., partly on the ground that 15a is too long, partly (Du.) on the hypercritical ground that “made like thee” is absurd: “like thee.”

however, does not here mean *resembling thee*, but *equally with thee*. On the other hand, "is *beside thee*" is not unsuitable; for the meaning then would be (Du.) that the animal was *beside* Job, so that he could readily learn from it the lesson intended. The words must stand or fall according to the less or greater rigidity of the poet's metre. Me. Sgf. omit עמך as well; but then (Bu.) they lose the support of ע, and the line becomes too short.

16. שרירי only here: cf. שר, *navel-string*, שרשרה, *chain*: from שר common in Aram. in the sense of *be firm, strong* (cf. Heb. שְׁרִירֹת, *firmness* in a bad sense, *stubbornness*). Wetzstein (*ap. Del.*), however, would render *supports* of his belly (*i.e.* the bones of the loins and shoulders), connecting שריר with Arab. *sarir*, a *support* on which a thing rests; but the Arab. usage, as given in Lane (1338b), a *thing upon which one lies or sits*, a *couch-frame, bedstead, throne*, etc., does not suggest anything resembling the *supporting bones* of an animal's body.

17. יחפץ from חפץ = חָפַץ, to *lower, depress* (*e.g.* wings, Qor. 15^{ss} 17²⁵), *bring down, abase* (Qor. 26³, the day of judgment will *abase* the proud); here, it seems, somewhat more generally, to *bend* (חפץ, to *desire* = חָפַץ, to *be attentive to*, is a different root altogether: Dr.³ § 178, pp. 226, 231).

פִּתְחוֹרֵי (dual) = أَفْخَان, *thighs* (Aram. פִּתְחוֹרֵי, *testiculi* = אֶפְרוֹדִי, Lv. 21²⁰ ⑤; and so ⑤ here *nervi testiculorum eius perplexi sunt*).

18. גִּרְמִי is גֶּרֶם is the common Aram. word for *bone* (*e.g.* Dn. 6²⁵, Gn. 2²³ ⑤), but rare and poet. in Heb. (Gn. 49¹⁴, Pr. 17²² גִּרְמֵי, יָרֵחַ נִכְאָה תִּבְשֹׁטֵנָם, 25¹⁵, 2 K. 9¹³ [?] †). How it differs in meaning from עֲצָם is uncertain: RV. *limbs*, RVm. *ribs*; Hi. Bu. Che., after ע (ράχis), render *his spine*, observing (Hi.) that this is favoured by the sing. מִטִּל, and regarding the pl. גִּרְמִי as referring to the separate vertebræ: but there is no support for this rendering: the poet is hardly likely to have thought of the separate vertebræ; in a comparison there is no difficulty in the sing. מִטִּל; and the Syriac Hex. expresses ראχis by the specific מִטְּלָא, the *backbone*.

מטיל †] the $\sqrt{\text{}}$ in Ar. is to *hammer out* (? a secondary root from $\sqrt{\text{}}$, to be long, Del.); and Ar. *mamtīl* is iron, or a sword, *beaten out into a long shape* (Lane, 3021; cf. also the *Lex.* of Neswān, as cited by Del.); hence מטיל, a *bar* of metal. Cf. מטל, 1 S. 17⁶ (מטל הנחשת = פידון נחשת), and here מטלנא, רנחשנא, (variants מטלנא, כמטלנא, a *weight*): Levy, *ChWB.* ii. 28a, b). Ἐ σίδηρος χυτός: Σ ὡς συμβλήματα σιδηρά.

19b. (1) $\sqrt{\text{}}$, in view of the *jussive*, $\sqrt{\text{}}$, can only be correctly rendered, "Let him that made him bring near his sword (to attack him)!" העטו (if the *active* ptc. is right; but *v.i.* (3) and (4)) will be an anomalous form for העטוה (cf. the rare עוה by the side of רעה: Kō. 303i); and as the art. with a ptc. naturally excludes a *nominal* sf. in the *genitive* (G-K. 116g n.), the $\dot{\text{}}$ — will be the *verbal* sf. in the *accusative* (as in חיל המאורני, Ps. 18³³. הפעלך, הפעלה, etc.: G-K. 127i; Kō. l.c.). Cf. הילך, Dn. 11⁶. (2) The common rendering (which properly requires $\sqrt{\text{}}$ for $\sqrt{\text{}}$) is (cf. $\sqrt{\text{}}$ qui fecit eum applicabit gladium eius), "He that made him *bringeth near* his sword, *i.e.* furnishes him with it (so RVm.), the 'sword' being taken as a poetical term for the powerful weapon which the hippopotamus possesses in the formidable array of long spear-like incisors and curved chisel-edged canines or tusks" (cf. Hdt. ii. 71, χαυλιόδοντας φαῖνον), which "root up rank grass like an agricultural implement" (*Encycl. Brit.*¹⁰, s.v., p. 722b), and "sever, as if with shears, a tolerably stout stem" (Woods, *l.c.* p. 761 f.). And Nicander (*Theriaca*, 566 f., *ap.* Bochart, ii. 761) describes these teeth as a ἄρπη (*sickle*): "Ἡ ἵππου τὸν Νεῖλος ὑπὲρ Σαῖν αἰθαλόεσσαν Βόσκει, ἀρούρησιν δὲ κακὴν ἐπιβάλλεται ἄρπην; cf. Nonnus, *Dionys.* xxvi., Αἰχμῇ καρχαρόδοντι διασχίζων ῥάχιν ὕλης. But to *bring near*, like an offering, or an article for food or use (1 S. 13⁹ 23⁹, 2 K. 4⁵, Gn. 27²⁵), is not a natural expression to use of what is an integral part of the animal's frame. (3) Ἐ has πεποιημένον ἐγκαταπαίζεσθαι ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων αὐτοῦ (cf. the addition in 41²⁵ Ἐ) = $\sqrt{\text{}}$, $\sqrt{\text{}}$, that is made for him to play with, *i.e.* to be Yahweh's plaything (ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγ. αὐτοῦ being a readily intelligible paraphrase for ὑπ' αὐτοῦ): cf. (upon

one view of its meaning) Ps. 104²⁶ לִישָׁקֶרְבוֹ (Ὁ εὐ-
 ἔπλασας ἐμπαιζειν αὐτῷ). So Me. Bi.¹. [In favour at least of
 the pass. part., note הָעֵשִׂי in the similar v. 41²⁵.] (4) Hfm.
 (1890) emended הָעֵשִׂי יֵנֵשׁ חֲרָבוֹ, *which is made that he should*
draw near to (?) His dry land (?), improved somewhat by
 Gunkel, *Schöpf. u. Chaos* (1895), p. 62, to (sic) 'יֵנֵשׁ חֲרָבוֹ',
which is made that he should govern the (sic) dry land, and by
 Giesebrecht (in a review of Gunkel's book, *GGA.*, 1895, p. 595)
 to הָעֵשִׂי יֵנֵשׁ חֲבָרָיו, "*that he should govern his fellows,*" i.e. the
 other animals. נָנֵשׁ, however, in the few cases in which it
 occurs as a verb in Qal, is a strong word, meaning not to
govern, but to *press hard*, as a debtor, Dt. 15²⁻¹³, or workman,
 Is. 58³; hence Du.'s הָעֵשִׂי יֵנֵשׁ חֲבָרָיו (Che. *EB.* 521, better,
 לְנָנֵשׁ), *to be governor of*, etc., is preferable, syntactically as well
 as in meaning; for נָנֵשׁ, though it is the word used of a *task-*
master (Ex. 3⁷ al.), and signifies properly a *hard, exacting ruler*
 (Is. 3¹² 9³ 14²⁻⁴, Zec. 9⁸), expresses the idea of *governor*, at
 least in late Heb. (Zec. 10⁴—perhaps also Is. 60¹⁷), without
 apparently this bad connotation. Bu., though he leaves the
 line untranslated, seems (p. 245) to think this emendation
 probable. The thought certainly (Du.) forms a good parallel
 to ^a.

20. לִישָׁקֶרְבוֹ [כי בול הרים ישאו לו] : note the preceding י.
 נשא, *bring = bear*; cf. of a tree, Hag. 2¹⁹ al. (*Lex.* 671a, 2g), of
 the mountains, as here, Ps. 72³ לַעֲמֹת שְׁלוֹם הָרִים. כי, *for*,
 however, agrees only with (2) in v.¹⁹ (*v. supr.*), which, however,
 we have seen to be improbable. Perhaps לוֹ יֵשֵׁא, *For the*
produce of the mountains he taketh to himself (Du.), is right;
 Be.'s objection that לוֹ יקח would be expected in this sense is
 hardly cogent. Wr. for הרים would read יארים, and Sgf. נהרים,
 and Giesebr. for ^a יֵשֵׁבֵלוֹ : כי בֵּין נְהָרִים : but none of these sug-
 gestions agrees with ^b; the beasts of the field do not "play"
 in the rivers. In ^b Du. continues וְכָל הַחַיָּה הַשָּׂדֶה יִשָּׁחֵק; ²¹ וְכָל
 "And all the beasts of the field *he crusheth*, ²¹ And there," etc.
 (שָׁחַק, as Ex. 30³⁶†; common in Syriac, and often for στυπίζειν):
 this would be a proof of his dominion over other animals (v.^{19b}),
 and agree with נָנֵשׁ. Still, in this line there seems to be no
 sufficient reason for deserting ^a: such a strong term is hardly

here expected; and דָּבָא is the usual Heb. word for expressing the idea. [If v.²⁰ gave proof of behemoth's dominion, ^a as well as ^b probably expressed this: so Gu. (*Schöpfung u. Chaos*, 64), who regards כל חית השדה as subj. of יִשְׂאוּ: note also יִשְׂעוּ for יִשְׂאוּ, proposed with a ? in Be^K.]

21. צִאלִים v.²² †; = Ar. ضَال = Syr. ܥܠܢ, like אֶרֶץ =

أَرْض; see Dr., *Tenses*, p. 223.

22. [בַּצָּה] swamp or swampy ground: 8¹¹, Ezk. 47¹¹ † (cf. בֵּץ, a swampy bottom, mire, Jer. 38²² †): בִּצְאָה, 8¹¹; Is. 14²³ (בִּצְיוֹן בִּיצוֹן = אֲנִי מִים, al.

22. צִלָּלוֹ for the normal צִלּוֹ, with resolution of the duplication, as גִּלְלוֹ, 20⁷ (n.); צִלְלִי, Jer. 6⁴: cf. עֲמָמִי, הֲרָרִי, etc. Note assonance with צִאלִים, as [if correctly read] of יִסְכְּהוּ with יִסְכְּהוּ. Syntactically, צִלָּלוֹ is an accus., defining in what capacity the lotus-trees cover him, “as his shade.” [But this is rather pointless, the repetition (after ²¹) of צִאלִים and the similarity of יִסְכְּהוּ in ^a יִסְכְּהוּ to יִסְכְּהוּ (cp. 8³ n.) in ^b suspicious. For יִסְכְּהוּ צִאלִים Du. proposes נַעֲצוּצִים.]

23. [יַעֲשֶׂק] עֲשֶׂק is everywhere else a trans. verb, meaning to oppress, wrong (e.g. Am. 4¹),—a very doubtful figure to use of a river. The sense *exorbitare* (sc. extra viam) is imaginary: this is cited by Hi. (from Willmet) for عَسَفَ, which does mean to turn aside from the way, and also to act unjustly (Lane, 2044): but it is cited by Del. (seemingly by an oversight) as the root-meaning of عَسَقَ, which really signifies *adhæsit, assiduus, deditus fuit rei*: to exceed bounds, behave immoderately and violently, first in a physical and then in a moral sense, is consequently a purely imagined meaning for עֲשֶׂק. The text is thus very doubtful. Du. יַשּׁוֹק, dashes (*heranstürzt*), the idea being not that of the rising Nile, but that of a mountain (Palestinian) stream, swollen by a sudden storm, dashing, like a wild animal (Pr. 28¹⁵), against the sleeping monster. יַשּׁוֹק will, however, come not (as apparently Du.) from יַשּׁוֹק, to overflow (Jl. 2²⁴ וַהֲשִׁיקוּ הַקְּבִים חִירוֹשׁ 4¹³, Ps. 65¹⁰ וַהֲשִׁקָּהּ וַהֲשִׁקָּהּ, and maketh it to overflow †), but from יַשְׁקָה, Ges. *discursit, dis-*

cursitavit, of locusts, Jl. 2⁹ בעִיר יִשְׁקוּ, Is. 33⁴ בּוֹ שֶׁקֶק, “ad instar *incursionis* locustarum *incurrit* in eam” (praedam), Nah. 2⁵ of chariots, *rushing* or *dashing to and fro*, בהֲצוֹת יִתְהַלְלוּ, אֲרֵי נָהָם וְדָב שֶׁקֶק מוֹשֵׁל רֶשַׁע 28¹⁵ in Pr. : הֶרֶכֶב יִשְׁתַּקֵּן בְּרַחֲבוֹת, the sense *ranging* (EVV.—suggesting a more staid movement than is denoted by שֶׁקֶק), or *stürzt sich* (Du.), for שֶׁקֶק seems less probable than that which—however obtained—שֶׁקֶקָה has in Is. 29⁸, Ps. 107⁹, viz. *eager for food* (so Ges. Del. Frankenberg). These are all the occurrences of שֶׁקֶק: the cognate languages fail us: and the *exact* shade of meaning expressed by it, or whether it would have been used of water *dashing* against anything, we do not know. Ἐ has ἐὰν γένηται πλημμυρὰ, whence Be. יִשְׁפַּע *overflows*. יִשְׁפַּע itself does not occur in the OT., though the derivatives יִשְׁפַּע (Dt. 33¹⁹ †) שִׁפְעָה (22¹¹ 38³⁴, 2 K. 9¹⁷, Is. 60⁶, Ezk. 26¹⁰ †) do, but mostly in the fig., not the lit. (so only Jb. 22¹¹ 38³⁴ מִים שִׁפְעָה מִים), sense of *ab-undantia*, “abundance,” a company of men or animals: it occurs, however, in 𐤀 (Pr. 3¹⁰ for וְתִירֹשׁ יִקְבֹּךְ יִפְרֹצוּ 5¹⁶ מְעִינִיךְ חוּצָה), and is common in Syriac, e.g. for דְּלִפְפָּה, 16²⁰, and הַשִּׁיקוּ, Jl. 2²⁴ 3¹³, and of a river overflowing, Land. *Anecd. Syr.* iii. 244. 2, Wisd. 11⁶ יִסְפַּע יְסַפַּע; see, further, PS. 4269 ff. Though the possibility of Ἐ paraphrasing must be reckoned with, still in view of the uncertainty attaching to the use of עֶשֶׂק (v. *supr.*), יִשְׁפַּע is a very plausible emendation. [Gu. יִשְׁקַע.—שׁ, technical term for the falling of the Nile, Am. 9⁵.]

[גיח] see on 38⁸. Gr. הִנִּיעַ, *approaches to*.

[יִרְדֵּן] the emendation יִאֵר (Winckler, Be.) is unnecessary. [Che. in *EBi.* 2576 for יִנִּיה יִרְדֵּן reads יַעֲבֹר נִיחַ. On rhythmical grounds we might rather omit יִרְדֵּן, reducing the rhythm from 3 : 4 (21¹⁶ n.) to 3 : 3, a reduction also, but otherwise, obtained by Gu. (see on 24).]

24. [בעיניו] בעיני פ' is the Heb. idiom for *in the estimation, judgment, opinion of* (so even in Pr. 1¹⁷): לְעֵינֵי פ' (Dt. 4⁶ and often) is idiom. for *in the sight or full view of*; and לְעֵינֵי must be restored in 1 S. 21¹⁴, Ezr. 3¹², and (if עֵינֵי is correct) here, “Can one take him *before his eyes*” (= “when he is on the watch,” RV.)? There is no *need* to change עֵינֵי (which is

already expressed by Θ): still בְּצִנִּים , *with barbs* (cf. on 5⁵) might be read—at least if the masc., and not the fem. (Am. 4² צִנּוֹה), was in use for an artificial “thorn,” or hook (spike, barb): Pr. 22⁵ $\text{עֲקֵשׁ בְּרֶרֶךְ פָּחִים צִנִּים}$ is hardly decisive on the point.

‘בעיניו יקחנו וגו’] Θ (or rather Θ) $\acute{\epsilon}\nu\ \tau\hat{\omega}\ \acute{o}\phi\theta\alpha\lambda\mu\hat{\omega}\ \alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon\delta\acute{\epsilon}\xi\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota\ \alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon\tau\omicron\nu\ ;\ \acute{\epsilon}\nu\sigma\kappa\omicron\lambda\iota\epsilon\nu\acute{o}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\varsigma\ \tau\rho\acute{\eta}\sigma\epsilon\iota\ \rho\acute{\iota}\nu\alpha\ ;$ The question [if such was intended] must be indicated in $\mathfrak{H}$ by the tone of the voice: cf. Is. 28^{28a} (Del.), and G-K. 150a: the insertion (Bu.) of מִי הוּא (which might have fallen out after פִּיהוּ), *Who is he that* (13¹⁹ al.) *will . . . ?* would make the question more pointed and forcible [and remove the abnormal rhythm (2:3: see *Forms*, 176 ff.) of $\mathfrak{H}$]. [But it is, of course, quite uncertain whether a question was intended; and, since the whole of the rest of the section (15–23) is descriptive and not interrogative, it is not, perhaps, very probable that it was, unless, as some have supposed, it is a misplaced distich of the following interrogative section on leviathan. It is likely enough that 24^a is defective; but if so what is missing may quite as well have given to the distich a negative, or a suitable positive, as an interrogative character. The present undue brevity of 24^a may be connected with the undue length of 23^b: so Gu. who ends 23 at the יִר (taken as = כִּי־אֵר) of יִרְדֵּן , and sees in דָּן אֵל פִּיהוּ the corrupt beginning of 24 which, he suggests, described the capture of behemoth by *God* (אֵל). A not impossible alternative is that 24 consists of corrupt variants of or glosses on 25^f.: note אָפּוּ 24^b, אָפּוּ 26: $\text{חֲמִשָּׁן בַּחֲבָה}$ 24, $\text{בְּעִינָיו יִקְחֵנוּ}$ 26; בַּחוּחַ 24, בְּמוֹקְשִׁים 26; חֲבָה 24, יִנְקֵב 26. From Θ the v. was absent.]

יִנְקֵב] contrast 26 חֲבָה . The נ in such cases is usually retained in pause (G-K. 66f), but see also Jer. 3⁵ יִנְטֹר .

אָפּוּ] rd. אָפּוּ . For 24^b Klo., ingeniously redividing the words, $\text{כִּמּוֹ קֵשׁ יָם יִנֵּק בְּאָפּוּ}$; but not only is “suck” incongruous with both קֵשׁ and בְּאָפּוּ , but the thought does not harmonize with 24^a.

25. (EVV. 41¹) תִּמְשֹׁךְ] the question will be indicated by the tone (see v. 24 n.): Hi. Hfm. Bu. Gu. suppose אָפּוּ , a particle suggesting a question, to have dropped out after אָפּוּ . More probably אָפּוּ itself has accidentally fallen out. [MS^{Ken.} 157

[הַחֲמִשָּׁה.] In חֲמִשָּׁה there is perhaps (Ew. Del. Bu. [but see Che. *Exp.*, July 1897; *EBi.* 520, n. 3]) an allusion to the Eg. word for the crocodile, *msuh* (emsuh), with the art. *p. emsah*; χάμψαι (Hdt. ii. 69) and Arab. *timsāḥ* seem to be inexact reproductions of the same word. As Bu. remarks, הַעֲלָה is elsewhere the word used for drawing a fish out of the water (Hab. 1¹⁵, Ezk. 29⁴). [But the use of מִשָּׁךְ with הַעֲלָה in Gn. 37²⁸ (יִמְשְׁכוּ וַיַּעֲלוּ אֶת-יוֹסֵף) (יִמְשְׁכוּ אֶת יִרְמְיָהוּ בַּחֲבָלִים וַיַּעֲלוּ אֹתוֹ מִן הַבּוֹר) and Jer. 38¹³ (מִן-הַבּוֹר) suggests that מִשָּׁךְ may very well have been used naturally (without any play on *msuh*) of large animals, though we do not happen to have an instance of the usage in OT.]

[חֲכָה] as Is. 19⁸, Hab. 1¹⁵ †.

[תִּשְׁקֶנָּה] Hrzs. Del. press down its tongue *into* the line, so that it bites it, and thou art able to draw it up: but this is not probable. שָׁקַע, however, elsewhere of water *sinking* or subsiding, or of a stone *sinking* in it (Am. 9⁵, Jer. 51⁶⁴), is a somewhat strange word to use of *pressing down* the tongue: hence Be. חֲקֵשׁ, "canst thou *bind*?" but this also does not agree well with the angler's line. ἑκρά, *pierce*; Ἀ στυδῆσεις; Ὑ ligabis: [and so Mich. (see Ges. *Thes.* 1477) appealing to the Sam. שָׁקַע = חֲבַשׁ in Lv. 8¹³].

[לִשְׁנוֹ] Hoffm. לִשְׁנָיו, thus substituting teeth for (if the crocodile is referred to) the questionable tongue: but the cstr. so produced is awkward (see Bu.).]

26 (2). [וּבַחֲוִים] cp. בַּחֲוִים, 2 Ch. 33¹¹; of a hook for holding captives חֲוִי is more commonly used; see Is. 37²⁹, Ezk. 19⁴ 29⁴.]

27 (3). [יִדְבֵּר אֱלֹהִים רַבּוֹת] Cf. the opposite in Gn. 42⁷ וַיִּדְבֹּר אֲתָם קְשׁוֹת.

29 (5). [וּתְקַשְּׁרֵנוּ] [Ἐ + ὥσπερ στρωθῆλον, whence Gu. כְּתוּר, Be. (better) כִּינֹה: such an insertion would complete the rhythm to 3:3 if הַחֲשֵׁק בּוֹ in ^a may be read with two stresses, otherwise חֲשֵׁק is 2:2 and admits of no addition in ^b].

30 (6). [יִכְבְּרוּ עֲלָיו] see on 6²⁷.

[חֲבָרִים] the form (cf. טָבַח, etc.) suggests a more permanent association than חָבַר, חֲבָרִים. [The interrogation is carried on from ²⁹ (cp. 39² (Di.): yet the omission of the ה between ²⁶⁻²⁹ and ³¹ is strange.)]

31 (7). שָׁבוֹת †] cf. שָׁבִים, *thorns*, Nu. 33⁵⁵ †.

נִלְצַל] see *Lex.* 852*b*.

32 (8). אֶל-תּוֹסֶף] we should expect וְאֵל: "Think of the battle, and do it not again," by Heb. idiom = "If thou think . . . thou wilt not do it again"; like וְאַתָּה עָשִׂי וְחִי = "if you do this you will live": but וְ in such cases is sometimes omitted; so Pr. 3^{7*l*}. "Be not (אֵל תְּהִי) wise in thine own eyes . . . רַפְאוֹת תְּהִי לִשְׂרָךְ, *let it be healing to thy navel*," etc.,—in Engl. *and it will be*, etc. See Dr. § 152. 1, 2 (cases of an imper., followed by another imper. or a jussive, to express a hypothesis).

תּוֹסֶף] in pause for תּוֹסֶף, as 19¹⁰ וְאַלְךָ, Jg. 19²⁰ (Hi.); cf. G-K. 29*q*, 69*v*.

CHAPTER XLI.

I-3 (9-11). The passage is difficult, and has given rise to many conjectures. We may consider these first. In ^{1b} Σ has *καταβαλεῖ* for יָטֵל, which suggested יָטֵל, not (as Be.) to Houb. who has יוֹטֵל, but first, it seems, to Me. (p. 202), הִנֵּם אֶל-מִרְאִי, יָטֵל (Will he even hurl—fight—against my appearing?); and so Wr. (Will he even hurl—fight—against them that shoot him? מִרְאִי, 2 S. 11²⁴). For וַיִּשְׁלֹם ^{3a} Γ has *καὶ ὑπομενεῖ* (in 9⁴ also for וַיִּשְׁלֹם), whence Me. וַיִּשְׁלֹם, and prosper, come off safe; so Wr. (Hfm. וַיִּשְׁלֹם and *I left him sound*). Gu. in 1895 (*Schöpfung u. Chaos*, p. 55 f.) went further, and supposing 40³²-41³ to be misplaced, and to have referred originally to behemoth, suggested for 41¹⁻³:

הוּא תוֹחֵלֶתְךָ נִכְוָה גַם אֶל מִרְאִי (מוֹדָא) יָטֵל:
 (מֵלֶאךֶ זָר) כִּי יַעֲרֵנוּ וּמִי הוּא לִפְנֵי יִתְעַב:
 מִי הַקְדִּימוֹ וַיִּשְׁלֹם תַּחַת כָּל הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא הוּא:

“Behold, *thy* self-confidence will be proved false,
 His look (or, *his fear*) casts down even *a god*:
 (An angel shrinks (scheut sich)) to stir him up,
 And who is he that can stand before *him*?
 Who ever confronted *him*, and came off safe?
 Under the whole heaven, *not one*.”

אֵל is vocalized אֵל by Σ (אלהא). זָר is presumably זָר, from זָר, to *turn aside*: it does not commend itself; but מֵלֶאךֶ זָר is expressly put forward as only “eine sehr beschiedene Vermutung.” For הוּא = “not one,” Gu. compares Jer. 5¹²; “he (*i.e.* such a one) is not!” would be the more exact rendering. In *JQR*, July 1897, p. 579, Che. improved this into

הוּא תוֹחֵלֶתְךָ נִכְוָה גַם אֱלִים מִרְאִי יָטֵל:
 מֵלֶאךֶ יִשְׁעָר כִּי יַעֲרֵנוּ וּמִי הוּא לִפְנֵי יִתְעַב:
 מִי הַקְדִּימוֹ וַיִּשְׁלֹם תַּחַת כָּל הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא אֲחֵר:

Surely thy self-confidence proves itself vain ;
 Even divine beings the fear of him lays low.
 An angel shudders when he would arouse him ;
 Who then (among mortals) would dare to meet him as a
 foe ?
 Who ever confronted him and came off safe ?
 Under the whole heaven, not one ! (*EBi.* i. 521).

𐤁𐤀 for אֱלֹם by haplography. For שָׁעַר see Jer. 2¹². לֹא אֶחָד is certainly what would be expected to express "not one." Du. reads (including v.⁴):

הֵן תּוֹחַלְתּוֹ נִכְזָּבָה גַם אֶל־מְרֹאֵיו יִטָּל :
 לֹא אֶחָד כִּי יַעֲרִינוּ וּמִי הוּא לִפְנֵינוּ יִתְיַצֵּב :
 מִי יִקְדָּמֵנוּ וַיִּשְׁלֹם תַּחַת כָּל הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא הוּא :
 לֹא יִחַדֵּשׁ בְּדָוִד וּדְבַר גְּבוּרוֹת וְהֵן עֲרֻכוֹ :

In v.¹ Du. thus returns to 𐤁𐤀. V.⁴ means, He (the assailant) would never again (after the conflict) renew his boastings (11³), or his talk about valiant deeds, and his practical (?) outfit, הֵן being used in its Aram. sense of "Leichtigkeit, Bequemlichkeit, Reichlichkeit, daneben Vernünftigkeit," and עֲרֻכוֹ, denoting his "praktische und comfortable Ausrüstung für die Expedition." But this sense of הֵן is more than questionable: הֵן in Aram. means really *mind, reason*, as דְּלֹא הוּנָא (of an animal) *without reason*, מִן הוּנָא נִפַק, Mk. 3²¹, went out of his *mind* (see many more exx. in PS. 992), and in 𐤀 (rare), Pr. 5¹⁹ teach *what is rational* at all times, 28¹⁶ 31⁵: לְהוֹנִי לְהוֹנִי, Gn. 33¹⁴ 𐤀𐤁 (Levy, *ChWB* and *NHWB*, s.v.) cannot mean *literally* "at my ease," it must mean *according to my mind, or judgment, as I think fit*; it is thus a *paraphrase* of לֹא־אֵפִי, not an exact rendering of it. The Arab. *hāna* is to *be light, easy*; but in actual use the Aram. הֵן shows no trace of this meaning: the development of meanings, conjectured by Fleischer (*ChWB*. i. 423; *NHWB*. i. 458 f.), if correct, must be prehistoric. Hi. Di. Del. adhere to 𐤁𐤀 in 1-3; Bu. departs from it only in reading v.¹ תּוֹחַלְתָּךְ, and 𐤁𐤀 for יִטָּל, and v.³ וַיִּשְׁלֹם for וַיִּשְׁלֹם.

I (9). If 1 3 (9-11) is in its right place, in 1 the omission of הֵן is a sufficient change. 1 MS and 2 have indeed "thy hope";

and Bu. and others (*v. supra*) adopt this, reading correspondingly in ^b “*thou art prostrated*” (יטל for הטל). No doubt this would be more pointed: the change, however, has but slight ancient support: besides, why after 40³² should the 2nd pers. have been altered into the 3rd? There are also cases in Heb. poetry of a pron. occurring with no antecedent expressed: *e.g.* Is. 13² “*lift up the hand to them,*” *i.e.* to the foes of whom the poet is thinking.

[נכזבה] The verb is the one commonly rendered to *lie* (*e.g.* 6²⁸), cf. Pr. 30⁶ (Nif. as here). “*And thus be proved a liar*”: but it is also used more generally, as Ps. 116¹¹ “*All men are liars,*” *i.e.* are a deceptive help, Is. 58¹¹ “*a spring of water, whose waters lie not,*” *i.e.* do not play false (EVV. *fail not*; but the Heb. expresses more than merely *come to an end*).

יטל] a strong word, lit. *flung down*: cp. Ps. 37²⁴ “*though he fall, he will not be prostrated.*”

2 (10). אכזר is not *bold* or *daring* (Di. al.), but *cruel* (30²¹, La. 4³, Jer. 6²³); it is doubtful whether it ought to be weakened even to *fierce*. It thus suits the animal, rather than its assailant. לא אכזר, also, for “*there is not a daring (cruel) one*” (for אין אכזר) is very strange Heb., such passages as 22¹⁶, Is. 44¹⁹ being not really parallel. If אכזר were referred to the animal, though הוא אכזר would be the normal expression, the הוא might just be omitted, as Ps. 16⁸ (כי מימיני); but we must in this case either (Gr.) omit לא, as dittographed from אכזר יטל, or as the duplication of *both* ל and א is not very likely, read הלא: *Is he not* (or *He is*) *cruel* that one should stir him up? Gie. suggests עירנו יעירנו, “*I will not bless (praise as happy) him that stirreth him up*”; but the expression does not seem a natural one.

יעורנו] so Occ., and Or. Qrê; but rd. either יעירנו (Or. Ktib.), or, better, as rather a stronger word, יעורני (3⁸, Zec. 9¹³).

3a (11a). Ἐν ᾧ τίς ἀντιστέσεται μοι καὶ ὑπομνεῖ; strictly = וְשָׁלֵם (or יְקַדְּמֵנִי יְקַדְּמֵנִי), but the tenses need not be pressed.

4 (12). [The rhythm (2 : 2 : 2 : see 17¹ n.) as well as other features of the v. (see the following notes) are suspicious; and the v. may have suffered serious corruption and originally have

meant something quite different from what it is commonly supposed to mean.]

[אָהרײַש] only here construed with an acc. in the sense of "keep silence *about*." [Me. *silently tolerate*, strains the meaning of the word even more: Du. אָהרײַשׁ: see next n.]

[בָּרִי] [*his limbs*—a meaning fairly secured by 18¹³ in spite of the corruption of that v.—must be the meaning of the word, if the v. is in its right position and rightly read in ח: Me. Du. give the word the meaning it has in 11³ (see n. there): Me., I (God) will not silently endure *his* (Job's) *idle talk*: Du., He (viz. who had once attempted to assail behemoth) would never (thereafter) renew *his boastings*; see above on 1⁻³].

[דָּבָר] either *word* = *account*; or *matter* (*Lex.* 183b, 3), as דָּבָר אֲוִיָּה, 1 K. 15⁶; האַחַנּוּת (rd. with דָּבָר אֲוִיָּה, 1 S. 10²: cf. 1 K. 6³⁸ לְכָל דְּבָרָיו = "in all its *particulars*."

[גְּבוּרֹת] rd. גְּבוּרָתוֹ: the sf. is needed.

[חֵן] as it stands, a very questionable by-form of חֵן (√ חָנָן) *gracefulness*, which, however, is not here a suitable sense. Rd. probably חֵיל (Honth. Be.).

[עֲרֹב] is an *arrangement*, or something *arranged*, as Jg. 17¹⁰ עֲרֹב בְּגָדִים, an *arrangement* (= *suit*) of raiment, properly the separate pieces *laid out* in order; Ex. 40²³ וַיַּעַרְךָ עָלָיו עֲרֹב לֶחֶם, arranged upon it an *arrangement* of bread. Here of the *arrangement* or *disposition* of the animal's parts = structure.

5 (13). [פָּנֵי לְבוּשׁוֹ] a peculiar use of פָּנִי (found also in Is. 25⁷ פָּנֵי הַלּוֹט, the face of the veil) in which ל' is the genitive of the "substratum" (Hi.), or the "explicative" genitive (G-K. 128k): the face, or front, or surface, *consisting in* his garment = *his outward garment*, the garment being the animal's scales.

[רַסְנוֹ] ὁ ῥάκος αὐτοῦ; rd. סָרְנוֹ.

6 (14). [פִּי] § Bu. פִּי. But (Du.) the doors of the face *are* the mouth.

7 (15). [גְּאוּדָה] ὁ τὰ ἔγκατα αὐτοῦ, ἡ ὥμα αὐτοῦ, ὁ corpus illius. These renderings point to גְּאוּדָה = גְּאוּ, *his back*, which also suits admirably: so Houb. Boch. Mich. Di. Bi. Bu. Du. al.

צָר [סָגור חוֹתָם צָר is *compressed, tight, narrow*, 2 K. 6¹ מִמֶּנּוּ צָר . . . הַמָּקוֹם, Is 59¹⁹ צָר : so חוֹתָם צָר is a (clay) seal *closely pressed down* (v.s.). סָגור will be construed syntactically with צָר; but the implicit reference will be to the individual scales of which the back consists. EVV. "Shut up as by a close or tight seal" (i.e. a closely adhering seal, Del.), implies both a doubtful sense for צָר, and a hard construction of the accus., חוֹתָם צָר, going beyond the cases mentioned in G-K. 118^q, or even 117 ff. at the end. The first difficulty would be removed by reading (Me. Hfm. Bu.) חוֹתָם צָר, a seal of *flint* (Jos. 5^{2, 3}, Ezk. 3⁹ מִצֹּר; cf. ἡ σύνδεσμος αὐτοῦ ὥσπερ σμυρίτης λίθος, *like emery-stone*), i.e. a *hard* seal, pressing down the clay firmly; but the second difficulty would remain. Bi.¹ Du. Be. read צָרו חוֹתָם, "His (so ἡ) *breast* is a seal of flint": but it is doubtful if "breast" is the meaning of סָגור (Hos. 13⁸ † לָבָם; [moreover, so emended, ^{7b} (sing.) awkwardly separates ^{8f} from the *plural* מִנִּים in ^{7a} to which ^{8f} in ἡ refers (ἡ om. ^{8a, 9} and has the sing. in ^{8b}). However, ^{7b} in ἡ is certainly awkward too, and may be considered doubtful].

8 (16a). [ἡ omits this line.]

וַיִּגָּשׁוּ [Kön. ii. 540: cp. the pausal form, וַיִּגָּשׁוּ, 2 S. 3³⁴].

[רוּחַ] masc. as 20³ (n.). Be. רוּחַ (Gn. 32¹⁷), which scarcely suits יבֵּא so well.]

9 (17). The v. is absent from MS^{Ken.34} and ἡ, and is omitted by Me. Bi. Du. as a doublet of ⁸. But the poet himself may have desired to dwell upon the thought which the words express (cf. 11-13).

וַיִּהְיֶה [so for אָחִיו, Mic. 7², Jer. 34⁹, 2 Ch. 31¹² †.

10. עָשִׂיתִי †] The verb is not found in OT. any more than it is in Aram. and Eth. (though the *subst.* is found in both [; and the vb. occurs in NH. and Arabic]). וַיִּרְוֶהָ (cf. וַיִּרְ Po', 2 K. 4³⁵ †).

וַיִּהְיֶה the fem. sg. by G-K. 145^k; but Sgf. Bi.² Bu. Du. Be. עָשִׂיתִי: cf. ἡ ἐν παρρησίᾳ αὐτοῦ.

11 (19). וַיִּהְיֶה Probably felt to suggest greater rapidity of movement than יָלַכּוּ: cf. 23⁸ (n.).

[כִּידוּרִי] only here. [Probably (Barth, *NB* 142) a noun of the same form as נִירוֹחַ, from $\sqrt{\text{כִּד}}$; כִּד (med. כִּי) is used of a fire-stick emitting *sparks*; from the same root may come כִּדְכִר, the name of a precious stone as something that *sparkles*. The $\sqrt{\text{כִּד}}$ from which כִּידִר is alternatively derived (Lagarde, *BN* 182) does not explain the meaning required here by the gen. לפִּידִים || אֵשׁ.]

[יִתְמַלְטוּ] The $\sqrt{\text{מל}}$ idea seems to be to *slip away*; hence in Nif. (oft.) to *escape*: in Pi. and Hif. to *let* (an egg, or child) *slip away* (from the womb), so only Is. 34¹⁵ 66⁷: here, of sparks, to *slip forth* = *stream* or *leap forth*. ז דְּמַחֲלֵטִין ז *accensæ*, as though reading הִתְלַהֲטוּ.

12 (20). [רֹדֶד נִפְרוֹחַ] a pot *blown upon* = well-heated, or, as we should say, *boiling*: cf. סִיר נִפְיֹחַ, Jer. 1¹³; also, for the vb., Ezk. 22²⁰ לִפְחַח עָלָיו אֵשׁ.

[וְאִגְמִן] [if this is rightly read and means as in 40²⁶ a *reed*, it must be explained as above. But a reference to the fuel seems superfluous. Saad. gave אִגְמִן the meaning of *caldron*; so Seb. Münster, AV.; but the meaning is not established, and the mention of a second utensil improbable. The vb. אִגְמִן means *to be hot* (of the day), *to burn up* (of fire), and the noun אִגְמִן is the *ardour* (of anger); hence אִגְמִן itself has been taken by some in the sense of *boiling*: but if this be the meaning, it is preferable to read אִגְמִן (Bi.), the ך being a dittograph. ז sicut ollæ succensæ atque ferventis: ז הִיךְ דּוּרָא נִפְיָה דְּעֵבֶר כִּפְאָה ז [אִגְמִן כִּסְלִין נִסְמִין נִסְמִין].

13 (21). [נִפְשִׁיר] נִפֵּשׁ = *breath*, only here, and (as generally understood) בְּתֵי נִפִּישׁ = “*scent-boxes*,” Is. 3²⁰ [but see n. there]. נִשְׁמָה is more usually *breath*, and *spirit* only Pr. 20²⁷. In Arab. *nafas* = “*breath*,” *nafs* = “*soul*.” Cf. the Nif. *take breath* = refresh oneself (so Syr., Pa. to *refresh*, Ethp. to *be refreshed*).

[נִגְחִלִים] 2 MSS of ז prefix ז ; and so Sgf. Bu. Du. Be. בְּנִחִלִים. The change is unnecessary: of course, even with נִחִלִים the poet did not think of literal “*coals*,” any more than he thought of a literal “*flame*” in ^b.

14 (22). [נִתְדַּוֵּץ] דָּוָץ in Heb. only here: in Aram. to *dance*

(= *σκιρτᾶν*, in *Σ* Lk. 1⁴¹. 4⁴ 6²³, Ps. 114⁴. 6⁶ Hex.; often also in the more general sense of *exult*, *rejoice*, as 2 S. 1²⁰ *Σ* *ט*, Is. 54¹ *Σ*). *Ἐτρέχει* = *תָּרַץ*, preferred by Be. here; but "dancing" is a far more poetical idea than "running."

דָּאָבָה [the subst. only here: the vb. means to *melt* or *waste away*, especially of the *נפש*, Ps. 88¹⁰ *עֵינִי דָּאָבָה מִנִּי עֵינִי*, Jer. 31¹² *וְהָיָה נַפְשָׁם כִּגְזֵי רֶוַח וְלֹא יוֹסִיפוּ לְדָאָבָה עוֹד* 2⁵, *כִּי הָרִיתִי נֶפֶשׁ*, Jer. 31¹² *וְהָיָה נַפְשָׁם כִּגְזֵי רֶוַח וְלֹא יוֹסִיפוּ לְדָאָבָה עוֹד*; so *דָּאָבָה*, Dt. 28⁶⁵ *כְּלִיֹּן עֵינַיִם וְדָאָבָה* †, *דָּאָבָה*, Lv. 26¹⁶ *מַכְלֹת עֵינַיִם וּמַדְרִיכֹת נֶפֶשׁ* †, 1 S. 2⁸³ *אֶת נַפְשִׁי (rd. וְלֹאֲדִיב וְלֹאֲדִיב) אֶת נַפְשִׁי*. Probably in Heb. the *√* is everywhere an Aramaism: for the Syr. *ܕܐܒܐ* (PS. 83of.) corresponds in meaning to the Heb. *זָבַח*, to *flow* (= Arab. *ذَاب*), though it occurs also in the fig. sense of *tabescere* (e.g. through grief; v. PS.), very much like the Heb. *דָּאָבָה* (which are found *only* in the fig. sense). Cf. *τήκομαι*, used often in similar applications. Here *דָּאָבָה* will be a fig. for the failure of nerve and courage (cf. *נִמּוּן*), occasioned by the approach of the monster, hence *despair* or *dismay*. *Σ* *דחלחא*, *fear*, *τ* *ἐκλιμίαν*, whence no doubt *† egestas*. *Ἐ ἀπόλεια* = *אֲבִדוֹן* in 26⁶ 28²², Ps. 88¹², Pr. 15¹¹ 27²⁰ (*אֲבִדוֹן*), which is hence adopted strangely by Be. as the original reading here. But *אֲבִדוֹן* is in OT. (v. on 26⁶) exclusively used of the *place* [ct. Rev. 9¹¹] of destruction, Sheol: hence, with *תָּרַץ* (see the last note) we have the extraordinary picture of Sheol running before the crocodile.

15 (23). *מִפְּלִי* elsewhere only Am. 8⁶ *בִּרְפִּי*, of what *falls* as refuse from wheat.

דָּבָק *Ἐ κεκόλληται* (cf. ⁹ *προσκολληθήσεται* for *דָּבָק*), *τ* *מִתְדָּבֵק* (cf. v. ⁹, Dt. 28⁶⁰ *τ*), whence Du. Be. *דָּבָק* (as ⁹ 38³⁸). The change, however, is not necessary; nor are *Ἐτ* any evidence that the pass. was read by them. The trans. *κολλάω* could not be used for the intrans. *דָּבָק*; and the Pual in Dt. 28⁶⁰ would be very unnatural.

יָצַק [poured out, i.e. cast; and so *firm*: see on 11¹⁵. The sg. *יָצַק* may refer to *בִּישָׁרוֹ*, or to *מַפְלִי ב'* regarded as a single mass, as *something firm*, etc. (Kö. 411i). The threefold *יָצַק* (in 15b. 16a. b) is not an elegance. 15b *Ἐ* om. (v. Field). Bi.² Du.

Be. omit ^{15b}, and in ¹⁶ the words 'יצוק כמו אבן ו' as a gloss on ^{16b}, reducing ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ thus to כפלה תחתית לבו יצוק [but this produces the questionable rhythm 3 : 4 (²¹¹⁶ n.): ¹⁶ might quite well stand with a synonym substituted in ^b for יצוק (cp. ⁸³ n.); יצוק in ^{15b} may well be corrupt].

בל ימוט Both בל and ימוט only here in Job; but בל ימוט (אָמוט, אָמוט) is a standing combination,—often attached to another vb. as a circ. cl. (Ps. 10⁶ 16⁸ 30⁷ 21⁸ 46⁶ 93¹ = 96¹⁰ = 1 Ch. 16³⁰ 104⁵, Pr. 10³⁰ 12³ †: with לא, Ps. 15⁵ 62^{3,7} 112⁶ 125¹, Is. 40²⁰ 41⁷ †); so it hardly tells against the genuineness of the line

17 (23). מִשְׁתָּחוּ [מִשְׁתָּחוּ] (G-K. 23f), the vb. being intrans., as [(if the text is right) in Hos. 13¹, Nah. 1⁵, Ps. 89¹⁰, Hab. 1⁸. Ehrlich מִשְׁתָּחוּ (with גלים for אלים and משברי ים for משברים), at his hinder part; but whether שֵׁת, the seat or buttocks in men, denoted the hinder part of an animal is questionable].

אֱלִים = אֱלִים, Ex. 15¹⁵ מואב, Ezk. 17¹³ אֱלִי הארץ, 31¹¹ ואח אֱלִי הארץ (אֱלִי) גבורים (MSS אֱלִי), 2 K. 24¹⁵ Qrê אֱלִי הארץ (Lex. 18a, 42a?).

שִׁבְרִים usually explained as an abstract plural (G-K. 124d, f) = state of brokenness, viz. of mind = consternation: cf. שִׁבְרֵי רוּחַ, Is. 65¹⁴; שִׁבְרֵי רוּחַ, Pr. 15⁴; תִּבְרִיט רוּחַ, Qoh. 1¹⁴ ט. But the omission of רוּחַ makes this explanation questionable. [Moreover, the rhythm of שִׁבְרִים is 3 : 2 (17¹⁴ n.); the rhythm may have been normal and שִׁבְרִים may be a corruption of two words: for suggested emendations, see next n.]

יִתְחַטֵּא The primary meaning of חָטָא is to miss (see on 5²⁴): in Eth. (Di. Lex. 619f) it regularly means to be without (e.g. = οὐκ ἔσχατον, Dn. 10¹⁶); and in III. (the reflexive conj.) it means (Di.) se subducere, and so (a) evanescere; (b) aufugere, as 1 S. 19¹² and often; (c) abesse, deesse, deficere. Hence it is explained here by Schult. Ges. lose their way ("præ tenore a via aberrant"); by Hi. fall into confusion, "treten gegenseitig fehl, so that they stumble one over another," and by Di. Del., in a fig. sense, miss (5²⁴) or lose themselves mentally (= RV. are beside themselves; Bu. Du. get confused). Gu. (p. 55), אֱלִים יִנְוּרוּ בְּשִׁמִּי מְרוֹם יִתְחַבֵּאוּ (p. 33) מִשְׁתָּחוּ, At his raging (cf.

Ps. 89¹⁰, reading בַּשָּׁמַיִם = בְּשָׁאוֹת) the gods are in dread, They hide themselves in the lofty heaven. But this stands or falls with the mythological interpretation of לִיתֵן שָׁאָה: also never actually means *raging* (*Tosen*). Bu. (after Buhl), keeping ^a as it is, reads in ^b יַחַסְטָאוּ יָם מִשְׁבְּרֵי, “the billows of the sea get out of tune” (kommen aus der Takt): but the “billows of the sea,” even though “sea” be taken to denote the tide, are out of place, and “get out of tune” or “confused” (geraten in Verwirrung) is a strange idea to apply to them. שָׁמַיִם זָבִי, those that are *firm, secure* (זָבִי = שָׁמַיִם in ¹⁵), and וְיִתְרִי (מִשְׁבְּרִים) find in מִשְׁבְּרִים a || to אֱלֹהִים (אֱלֹהִים gives no help here: אֱלֹהִים מִן תְּבִירָא = *ff*). Du. וּמִשְׁבְּרִים for מִשְׁבְּרִים: When the monster “lifts itself up, the leaders are in dread, and the guards (of the Nile, military, or customs’, officers on the S. frontier) fall into confusion”: but the pl. of מִשְׁבְּרִים, *body of keepers, guard* (Jer. 51¹²), is elsewhere always מִשְׁמֶרֶת (mostly Chr. Neh.). Gie. Be. read for מִשְׁבְּרִים, וּמִשְׁבְּרִים, “and at his teeth mighty men (are beside themselves”: or, Be., יִתְרִי are *dismayed*). This is the best suggestion that has been made; though, as a parallel to מִשְׁחֹי something less special than “teeth” is rather expected.

18 (26). [מִשְׁיָגְהוּ] The ptc. absolute would be just possible, “When one approacheth him with the sword, it holdeth not” (2 S. 23³, Pr. 28^{27a} מחסור נִתֵּן לָרֶשׁ אֵין מִחְסוֹר: G-K. 116²⁰; Dr. 121, Obs. 1 n., and 135. 6 n.: and חרב, as חָרֶם, Mic. 7²; G-K. 117^{ff}, end): but the construction is forced, while the change to חֲשִׁינָה is slight, and with it all awkwardness disappears. So MS^{Ken}. 180, Grä. Be.; cf. אֲדִיבִקִּינִיָּה חֲרָבָא, וְ Cum apprehenderit eum gladius. Bu. מִפְּנֵי “on account of its shields (scales)”; cf. v.⁷

בְּלִי תָקוֹם [בְּלִי, though otherwise construed it is comparatively frequent in Job (see *Lex.*), is here only used to negative a finite vb.: in this Di. detects a linguistic difference of 40¹⁵-41²⁶: but the use of בְּלִי with a finite vb. is exceedingly rare elsewhere also (Gn. 31²⁰ (E), Is. 14⁶ 32¹⁰, Hos. 8⁷ 9¹⁶ Kt. †), and it is no more remarkable that it occurs only once in Job than that it occurs only once in E].

18b. Absent from $\mathfrak{C}$; added from Θ .

נִסְפַּע only here. Perhaps from نَسَعَ , to *strike* or *hit* (among other meanings).

שָׁרִיָּה also only here. If correct, = Arab. *sirwat*^u, a *small, short arrow*, or (a dialect-variant of *sirwat*^u) *siryat*^u, an *arrow-head* (Lane, 1354^a, 1356^a). Hfm. Bu. (alt.) Du. (alt.) שָׁרִיָּה = Syr. ܫܪܝܐ = $\beta\omicron\lambda\acute{\iota}\varsigma$, *javelin* (PS. 4065), from שָׁרַף common in Aram. in the sense of *to throw* (e.g. arrows, 1 S. 20²⁰ $\mathfrak{ST}$). Θ ($\theta\acute{\omega}\rho\alpha\kappa\alpha$) $\mathfrak{TV}$ confuse with שָׁרִיָּה ; but a weapon of *offence* is required by the context.

19 (27)b. רָקֵב on the form, Kō. ii. p. 129. Bu. רָקֵב , as Pr. 12⁴ al., supposing the ך dittographed from הוּשָׁה .

20 (28)b. לָר are turned (or turn themselves) *for* him into stubble: cf. 30²¹, Is. 63¹⁰ $\text{לָהֶם לֵאיוֹב נִהְפָּךְ}$ (*Lex.* 512b).

21 (29)a. absent from $\mathfrak{C}$: Θ $\acute{\omega}\varsigma$ $\kappa\alpha\lambda\acute{\alpha}\mu\eta$ $\epsilon\lambda\omicron\gamma\iota\sigma\theta\eta\sigma\alpha\nu$ $\sigma\phi\upsilon\rho\acute{\alpha}$ (*rd.* $\sigma\phi\upsilon\rho\alpha\iota$: v. Field). Σ^H $\acute{\omega}\varsigma$ $\kappa\alpha\lambda\acute{\alpha}\mu\eta$ $\epsilon\lambda\omicron\gamma\iota\sigma\theta\eta$ $\alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{\omega}$ $\sigma\phi\upsilon\rho\alpha$, $\mathfrak{V}$ Quasi stipulam æstimabit malleum. כֶּשֶׁ after 20^b לֶקֶשׁ is weak: $\Sigma\Theta$ Be. בְּקִנָּה is very probable. For נַחֲשֹׁנוּ (miswritten, after 20^b נִרְכָּנוּ), *rd.* with Σ^H Di. Be. Bu. Du. נַחֲשֹׁב , or at least נַחֲשֵׁב : to treat תוֹחַח as a collective is forced. The ל as Is. 40¹⁷ *al.* (*Lex.* 514a).

תִּתְּרוֹתָ Cf. Arab. *watakha*, to beat with a club: *mitakhat*^u, a *club*. [Or תוֹחַח may be a loan-word from Ass. *tartah*, a (light) *javelin* (Del. *HWB* 630).]

22 (30). חֲרֹדֵי חֶרֶשׁ G-K. 133h. [$\mathfrak{H}$ = the *sharpest pot-shears*; but pointing חֶרֶשׁ we might render the *sharpest* (instruments) of (*i.e.* forged by) the *smith*; but the parallel in $\mathfrak{A}$ lian cited above favours $\mathfrak{H}$.]

רִפְדֵּי Rd. רִפְדֵּי : cf. 17¹³ יָצוּעֵי רִפְדֵּי . In Ass. (Del. *HWB* 625) *rapâdu* is to *stretch oneself* out on the ground (of a person or animal): in Arab. (Lane, 1119) *rafada* is to *aid, help, or assist*, with a gift or other things, to *prop up* or *support* (a wall); *rifd* is a *gift* or *gratuity*: *rāfidat*^u is *rafters, beams* ("apparently, as a thing that *aids* or *assists*," Lane); and *rifādat*^u is a *pad* or *stuffed thing*, beneath a saddle, a *support* for the saddle: cf. רִפְדוֹנִי Heb. Ca. 2⁶ בַּחֲפֹזִים ; 3¹⁰ רִפְדָּה , appar. a *support* (*i.e.* a back or arm) in a palanquin

24 (32). יֵאִיר] may be either trans. or (Ezk. 43², Ps. 139¹²) intrans. : נְחִיבוֹ (Bi.² Gu. Bu.) is unnecessary.

25 (33). עפר poet. for *the earth*; 19²⁵ n.

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also be possible: so Hi. Reuss, Hfm.; Di. does not seem to decide between this and *like*.

[העשו] rd. הָעֲשִׂי (cf. 15²² n.).

[לבל-יחת] cf. Gn. 9² חָתָתְכֶם †, 35⁵ חָתָת †, c. 6²¹ חָתָת †. לְבָלִי (as 38⁴¹ אָכַל לְבָלִי יִתְעוּ, see n., Is. 5¹⁴ (of Sheol) חָק פִּיהָ לְבָלִי חָק = *in a state of no fear* = *without fear*. Gu. לבעל תחת, “to be lord of the under-world (??)”; Che. לבעל תחתיות, which is at least Hebrew; Gie. (“if a change is desired”) לְבַעַל הַיִּת, which might be right.

26a. Rd., with Gu. Bu. Du. Be., אֶתוֹ קָל-נִבְהָ יָרָא.

[שחץ] [Ἐ τῶν ἐν τοῖς ὕδασι, 5 زئجل] (both without expressing any equivalent for בני), 7 בני כורי: whence שרץ has been precariously conjectured instead of [שחץ].

CHAPTER XLII.

2. ידעת. Kt. ידעת: Qrê ידעתי. For the 1st pers. written without ' , see G-K. 44ⁱ. Me. curiously adopts the 2nd pers.

3. ולא יבצר ממך מומה] cp., with a longer prose equivalent of מומה, Gn. 11⁶ : לא יבצר מהם כל אשר יזמו לעשות מומה of God's plans see Jer. 23²⁰. Emendation of מומה to מאומה (Be.) or מה (Bi.), or of כי יבצר וכל לא כי כל חוכל ולא (Du., who omits מומה : cp. מי זה מ' at the beginning of v.³), are unnecessary (though Du.'s יכולת no doubt gives a good antithesis to קלתי, 40⁴), and E's οὐθέν cannot be cited in support; for having paraphrased ולא יבצר ממך by ἀδυνατεῖ δέ σοι the translator necessarily also paraphrased מומה by οὐθέν.

3. דעת . . . [מי זה] E om. ; = 38^{2a}.

מעלים] MS^{Ken. 248} מחשיך, as 38².

דעת] read with MS^{Ken. 100} בלי דעת S, as 38²: note also ῥημάτων in E's paraphrase.

הגדתי] E τίς δὲ ἀναγγελεῖ μοι; S נבואות. Between הגדתי and ולא the loss of גדלה (נבואות ||, as 5⁹) would have been easy; yet its insertion would overload the line. E's μεγάλα after ולא אבין is not in the position in which גדלה, if it had been used, would have stood. Hoffm. seeks an obj. to הגדתי in לכן read as כן; but this gives a questionable position to the object and a bad parallel to נבואות.

ולא אבין . . . ולא אדע] G-K. 156^f.

5 שמעתיך] שמע, to hear of, receive a report about, as Ex. 18¹, 2 K. 19¹¹: cp. with the same antithesis to ראה, Ps. 48⁸ כאשר שמענו כן ראינו.

6. The v. seems to be defective: ואמאם and ונחמתי, as parallel terms, should stand in different lines: but, if divided at ואמאם, the very questionable 2:3 rhythm (40²⁴ n.) is the

result. Bu. completes ^a by inserting אשר דברתי after אמאם. Böttcher, Be. (Che. *EBi.* 2481) by reading אָמַם אָמַם for אמאם.

אמאם] if correctly read, an obj. has dropped out (see last n.), or must be understood (cp. 7¹⁶): MS^{Ken. 601} supplies חַי (cp. 9²¹). The understood object has been taken to be *myself*, or, better, *what I have said and done* (Di.): but neither is very satisfactory; and if this is the sense, it is better to restore a suitable object by emendation; see last n.

וּנְחַמְתִּי עַל עַפְרִי וְאֶפֶר] both נחם and על are ambiguous: and נחם על have also been very differently taken. נחם על means *to be sorry for, to repent of* (so, e.g., Jer. 8⁶ and frequently), and also *to comfort oneself for* (so 2 S. 13³⁹, Jer. 31¹⁵); but it is difficult to find a suitable sense for עפר ואפר as the obj. of this verbal phrase, though attempts have been made: so ואתנחמית ומבני דהנון עפרא וקטם; Ehrlich, I repent of my empty and foolish speeches. Consequently most take the vb. absolutely (it is frequently so used in both senses, *to be sorry, e.g.* Ex. 13¹⁷, and *to comfort oneself, e.g.* Gn. 38¹²): I repent (while sitting) upon dust and ashes, or I comfort myself (though sitting) upon dust and ashes (Che., reading וְנִמְקֵתִי for וּנְחַמְתִּי and in ^a חַמַם (אמם): therefore I must pine away, and dissolve to dust and ashes (*EBi.* 2481), but על would hardly be the right preposition even if נמקתי might be accepted. Ἐν ἡγῆμαι δὲ ἐγὼ ἐμαυτὸν γῆν καὶ σποδόν: but it is doubtful whether this is anything but a paraphrase of ח.

7. אחר] followed by the pf. in אחר (אָחַר) is = אחר אשר: see 19²⁶ n.

אלי] for עָלִי, as, e.g., 1 S. 3¹², 1 K. 16¹²: cp. *Lex.* 41a, 181b, 3b end: Ἐν ὀνόματι μου; so SY: לֹחִי and so Bu. *zu mir*, which he defends on the ground that "all human speech has God for its hearer, and is directed towards Him"!

כעברי] many MSS כעברי: and so in v.⁸ where Ἐν (κατά, here ὥσπερ) implies the same reading.

8. והעליתם] Ἐν ποιῇσει, נספח, making Job's activity begin with the offering instead of (ח) with the prayer; the expression of the subj. before יתפלל vouches for the correctness of ח.

[כִּי אִם פָּנִיו אֵשׁ] unless אִם is an error for אַת (Du.), אִם כִּי either = *only* (cp., if rightly read, Gn. 40¹⁴, Nu. 24²²), or *surely* (cp. Jg. 15⁷, 1 S. 21⁶): *Lex.* 475a, b and c.

[אֵלֵי . . . כַּעֲבָדִי] see on v. 7.

9. וַעֲפָר [צֶפֶר] read with many MSS and VV.

10. [שָׁב אֶת־שְׁבִית אִיּוֹב] Qrê שְׁבוּת. This is the only occurrence of the phrase שָׁב שְׁבוּת (הַשָּׁב) with the name of an *individual* in the gen. after שְׁבוּת; the gen. is generally the name of a people, occasionally that of a country (Jer. 33¹¹). The exceptional usage here would have to be explained as due to loss of the real sense of the phrase, if it originally meant *to bring back the captives of*, and was composed of a vb. from the root שׁוּב and a noun from the root שָׁבָה. But since Ew. (on Jer. 48⁴⁷ and in *Jahrb. Bibl. Wiss.* v. 216f.) the view has generally prevailed that the vb. and noun are from the same root (Ew. appeals to Ps. 126¹, which would be decisive if שָׁבָה is rightly read there), and the phrase of the same character as 'נָקַם נָקָם פ', רִיב רִיב פ'; the meaning in this case is *to turn the turning*, i.e. to change the fortunes of, and the phrase as suitable in reference to an individual as to a nation. The phrase occurs chiefly in the prophetic literature (Jer. Ezk. Zeph. and the probably late vv. Hos. 6¹¹, Am. 9¹⁴), but also in Ps. 14⁷ = 53⁷ 85² 126¹ (read שְׁבִית), La. 2¹⁴. It is not impossible that in some of these passages the author himself thought of captivity in connection with שְׁבוּת; this sense was in any case quite early read into the form (cp. Ξ $\alpha\lambda\chi\mu\alpha\lambda\omega\sigma\acute{\iota}\alpha$ frequently), and is probably the reason of שְׁבִית in $\mathfrak{H}$ interchanging with שְׁבוּת, and of the punctuation שְׁבִית (yet cp. לָזוּת from לָזוּ) instead of שְׁבוּת.

[רַעְיוֹ] not sing. (Di. Bu.: for 12⁴ 16²¹ are not analogous), even with a collective sense (G-K. 91k), but, as in 1 S. 30²⁶, pl. ($\Xi\Xi\Xi$) = רַעִיּוֹ, unless we emend to רַעִי (Du.), the form used elsewhere.

11. [וַיֹּאכְלוּ עִמּוֹ לֶחֶם בְּבֵיתוֹ] Be. וַיֹּאכְלוּ וַיֵּשְׁתּוּ עִמּוֹ after Ξ , and noting that MS^{Ken. 76} reads וַיֵּשְׁתּוּ for בְּבֵיתוֹ and two MSS omit בְּבֵיתוֹ. But the addition of the detail (cp. the variants as between $\mathfrak{H}$ and Ξ in 1 S. 1⁹, 2 S. 12²¹) is more probable than its omission.

13. [שבִּעְנָה] probably an error for שְׁבַע: G-K. 97c.

14. [יְמִימָהּ] if = *يَمَامَة*, *dove*, read יְמוֹמָה (so Be. "frt"): if a diminutive (Hitz.) = *يَمَامَة*, point יְמִימָה.

15. [נִמְצָא נָשִׁים] G-K. 121a; cp. 1450 (footnote). 2 MSS^{Ken.} Be. נִמְצָאוּ.

להם . . . אֲבִיהֶם אַחִיהֶם] G-K. 1350.

16. [וִירָא] Ktib. וִירָא: Qrê וִירָא; G-K. 75t.

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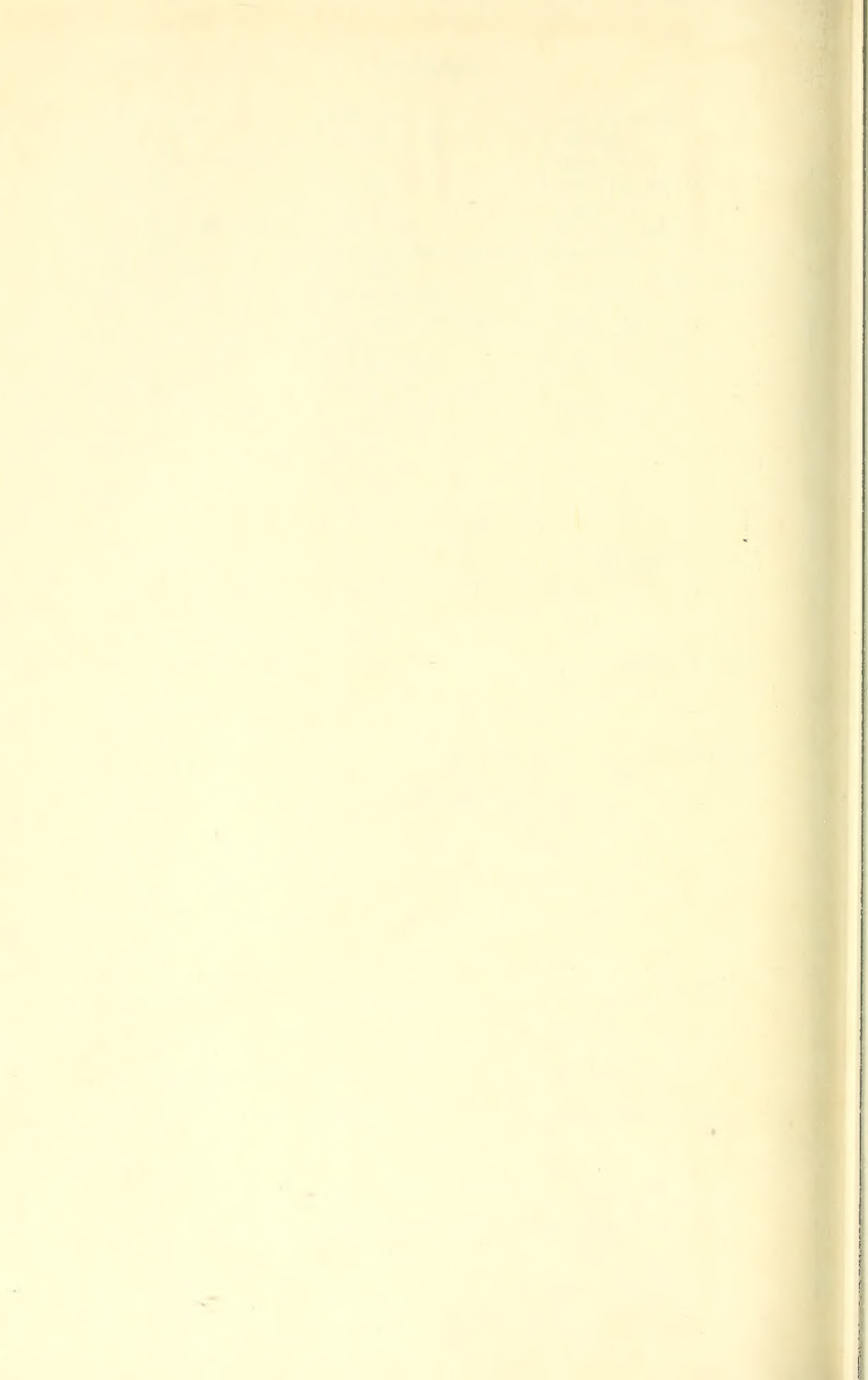
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